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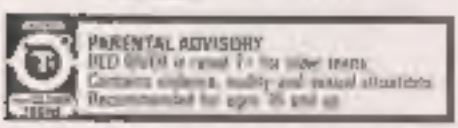

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Yuri was an ordinary junior high student until the day she was sucked into a puddle on the street and emerged in the ancient Hittite Empire! Evil Queen Nakia had used her magic to draw Yuri across time and space as a sacrifice. Rescued by the handsome but arrogant Prince Kail, Yuri is taken to live in his palace as his concubine. All she wants is to return to her home, but that can only happen if three conditions are met: she must have the help of a sorcerer equal to the queen—which Prince Kail turns out to be; all seven of Hattusa's springs must fill with water; and Yuri must wear the clothes she had on when she was kidnapped.

Yuri steals into the queen's palace with Kail's young servant, Tito, to retrieve her clothes. But they walk into an ambush, and the queen's barbarian servant, Zuwa, captures them. Tito helps Yuri break free, only to be killed by Zuwa. When the chance finally arrives for Yuri to go home, she passes it up, vowing to stay and avenge Tito's death. Soon thereafter, she accompanies Kail on a mission to liberate Tito's home city of Alinna from the Kashuga hordes, and is attacked by Tito's sisters. When she falls into the hands of Zuwa, Yuri discovers that the trouble in Alinna was part of a plot hatched by the queen. Yuri escapes from Zuwa, only to encounter Talos, Tito's father...

Story Thus Far:

Prince Kail
The third prince of the Hittite Empire, and a priest with magical powers, Prince Kail has begun to develop feelings for Yuri.

Yuri
She was an ordinary 9th grader until she was mysteriously transported to the ancient Hittite Empire.

Queen Nakia
A priestess who wants to sacrifice Yuri to the Storm God in order to ensure her son's succession to the throne.

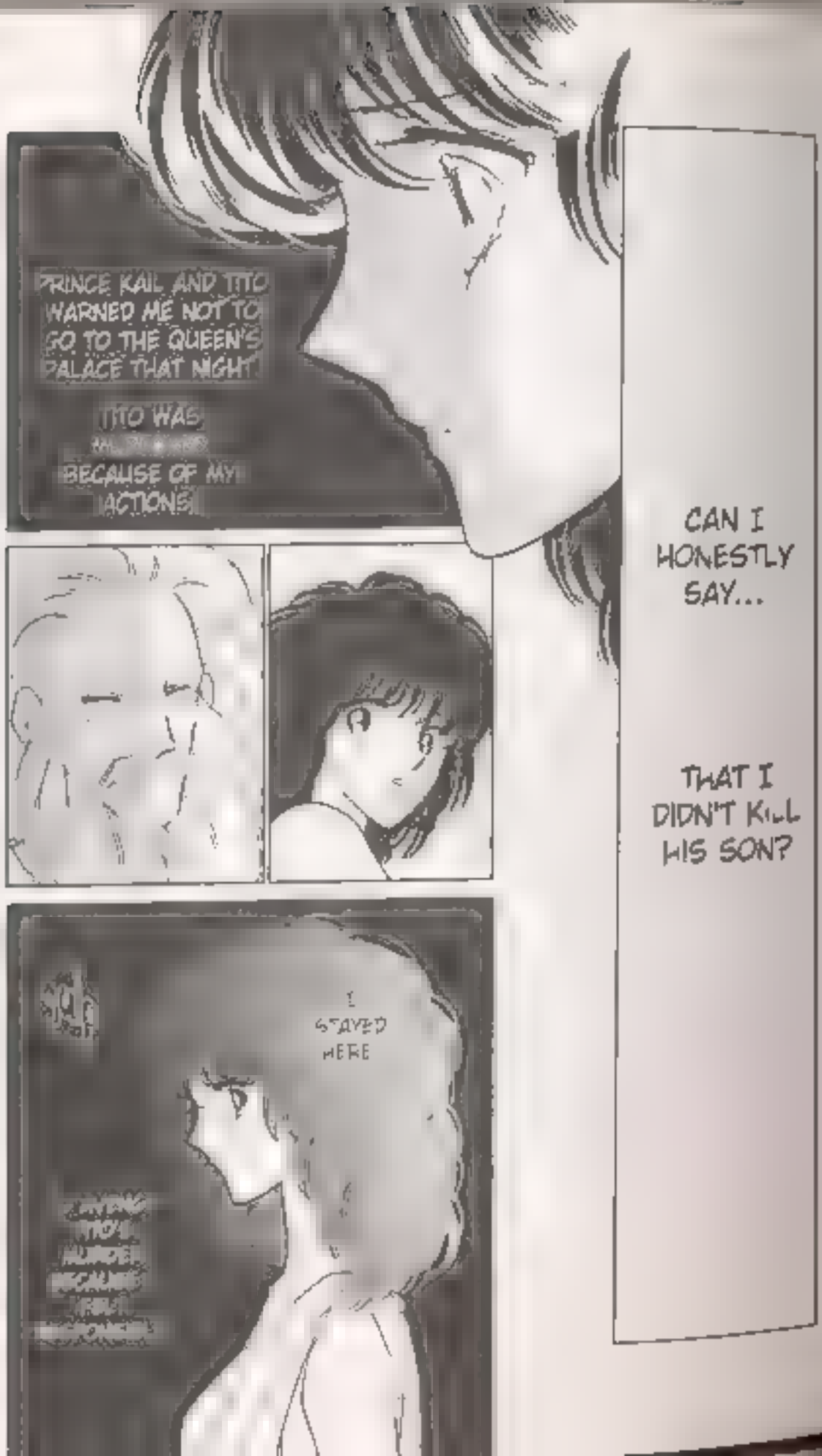
LITTLE ONE! WHERE ARE YOU?
LIGHT? YOU FOUND A WAY OUT!
WHEREVER YOU GO, I WILL FIND YOU AND CUT OFF YOUR HEAD!

IF HE CATCHES ME AGAIN, HE'LL KILL ME FOR SURE.
NOW THEN...
THE GODS HAVE DELIVERED YOU INTO MY HANDS.
NO AMOUNT OF GOLD CAN SAVE YOU.
PLEASE, LET ME GO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE AGAINST ME, BUT IF YOU LET ME GO, PRINCE KAIL WILL REWARD YOU!
YOU WILL FIGHT HIM.
?!
THE GIANT CHASING YOU IS ZUWA THE KASHUGA. IS HE NOT?

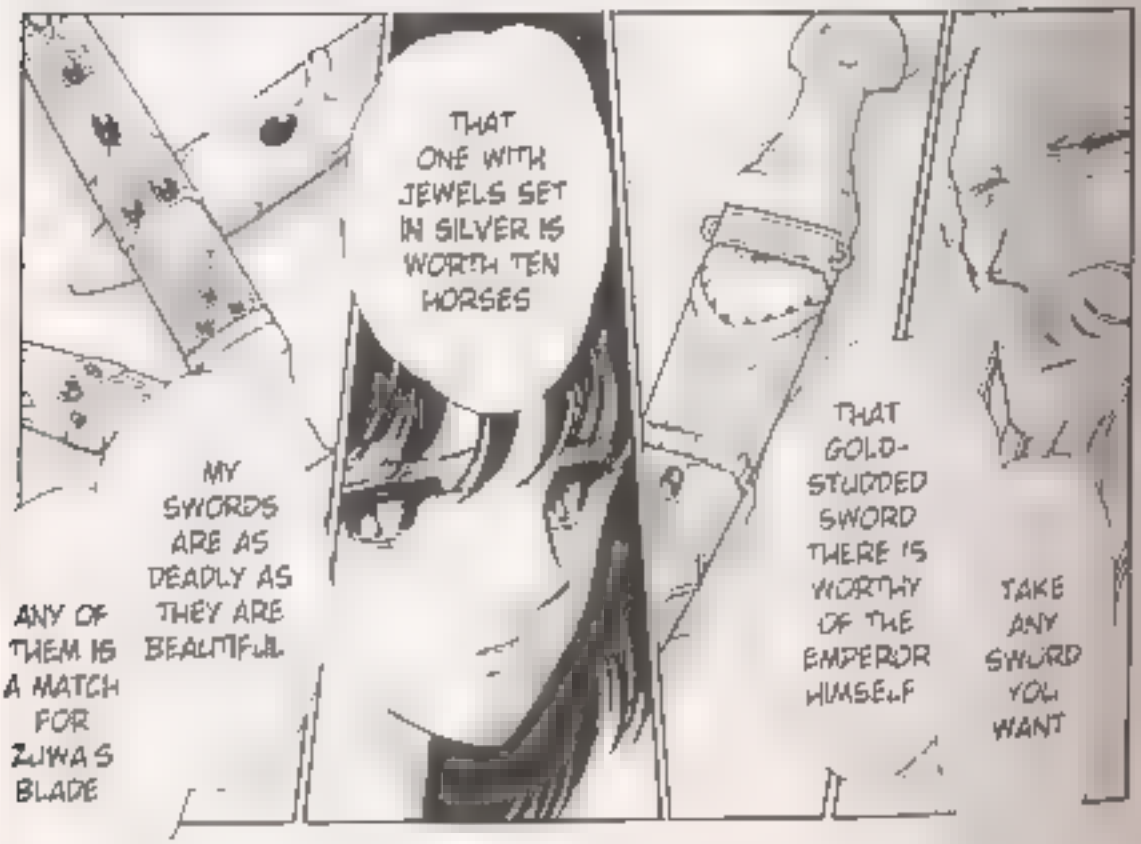
FWUMP
OH!
WHY DOES THIS GUY HATE ME?
TALOS... WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME?
PAW
COME
WAIT! I'M NO MATCH FOR THAT GIANT!
HE'LL KILL ME FOR SURE!
?!

THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE THE PROP ROOM FOR THE TROJAN WAR.
OH!
I HAVE PLENTY OF SWORDS TO SPARE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
YOU NEEDN'T FIGHT ZUWA UNARMED.
CHOOSE ANY WEAPON YOU WANT.
THE HATTI...
THAT'S TITO'S TRIBE.

NOW, CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON.
OR I'LL TOSS YOU OUT TO ZUWA UNARMED.
OH!
YES.
TITO WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED ME AS LEADER OF THE HATTI. BUT HE WAS MURDERED.
HE THINKS I KILLED TITO, JUST LIKE HIS DAUGHTERS DID.
WAIT! I--
THIS MAN IS...
TITO'S FATHER!
GASP


PRINCE KAIL AND TITO WARNED ME NOT TO GO TO THE QUEEN'S PALACE THAT NIGHT
TITO WAS
BECAUSE OF MY ACTIONS
CAN I HONESTLY SAY...
THAT I DIDN'T KILL HIS SON?
I STAYED HERE

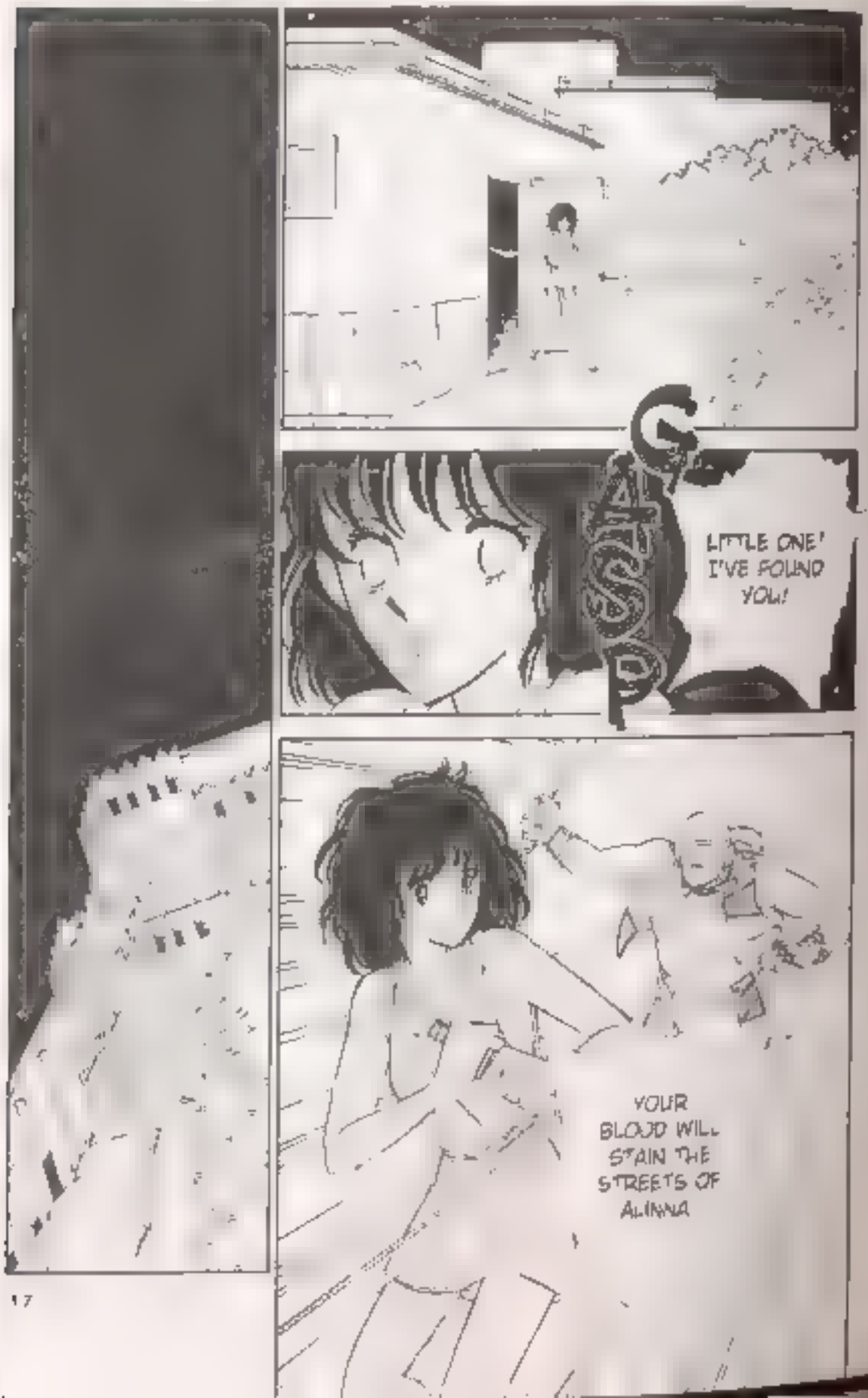
NOW
CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON AND FACE ZUWA.
I'M GOING TO FIGHT ZUWA!
I STAYED TO AVENGE TITO. SO NOW'S MY CHANCE
AND IT LOOKS LIKE TALOS ISN'T GIVING ME ANY CHOICE.

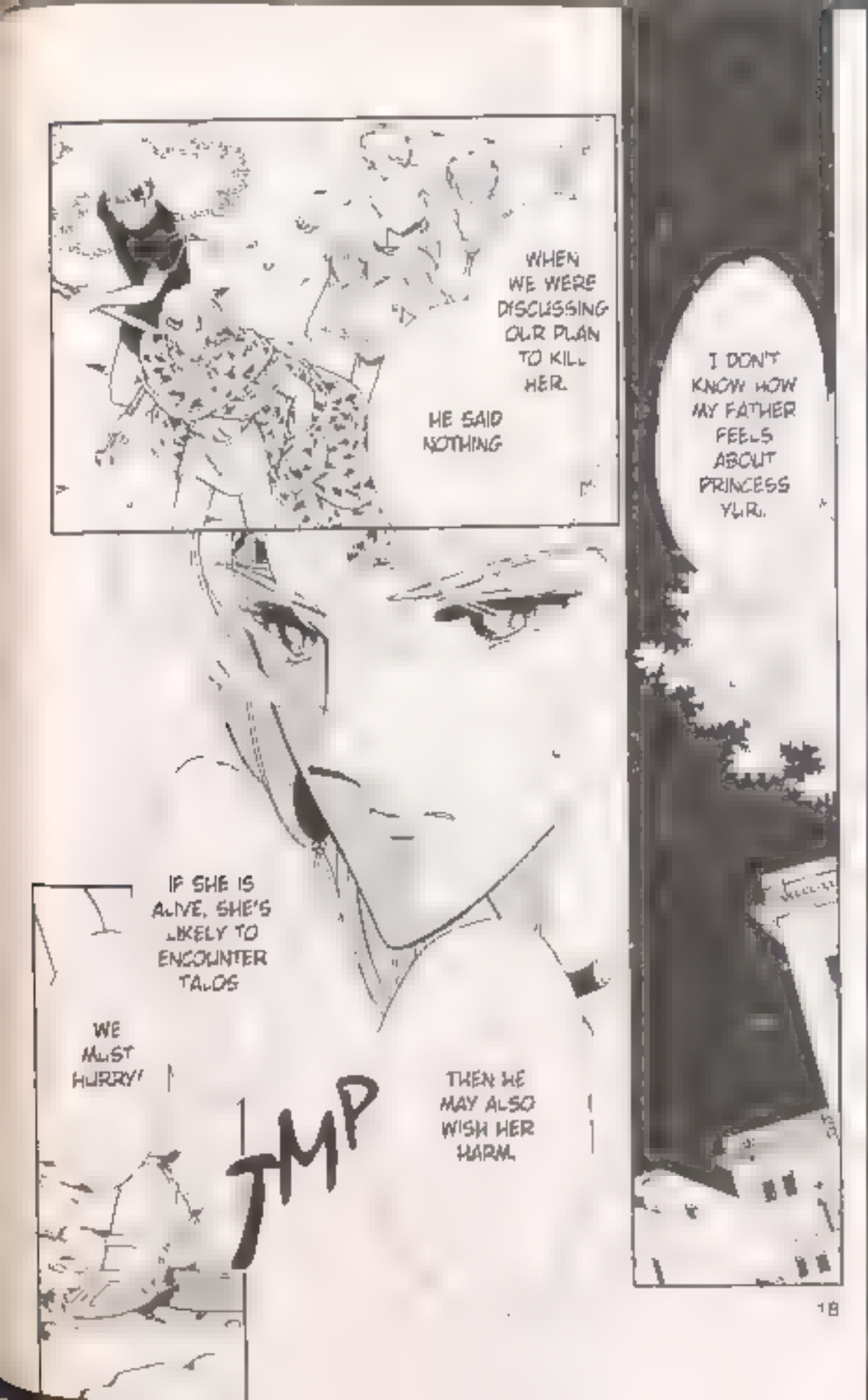

ANY OF THEM IS A MATCH FOR ZUWA'S BLADE
MY SWORDS ARE AS DEADLY AS THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL
THAT ONE WITH JEWELS SET IN SILVER IS WORTH TEN HORSES
THAT GOLD-STUDDED SWORD THERE IS WORTHY OF THE EMPEROR HIMSELF
TAKE ANY SWORD YOU WANT

TOO BIG AND HEAVY FOR ME
THEY ARE EXQUISITE BUT
KLINK

SHK
A RUSTY DAGGER.
WHAT'S IT DOING AMONG THESE FINE SWORDS?

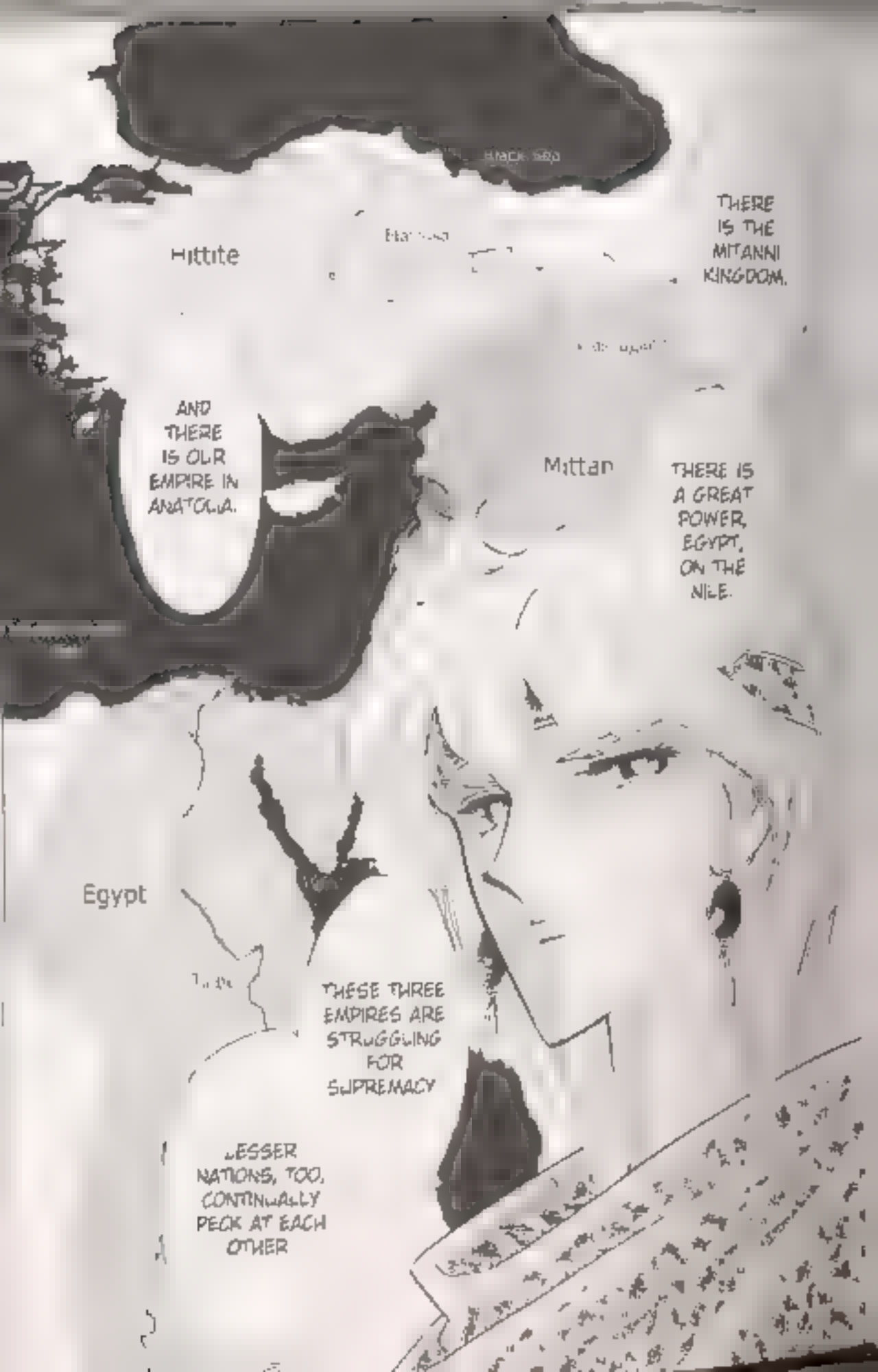
WIP
IF YOU DON'T MIND
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE
IT FEELS GOOD IN MY HAND.

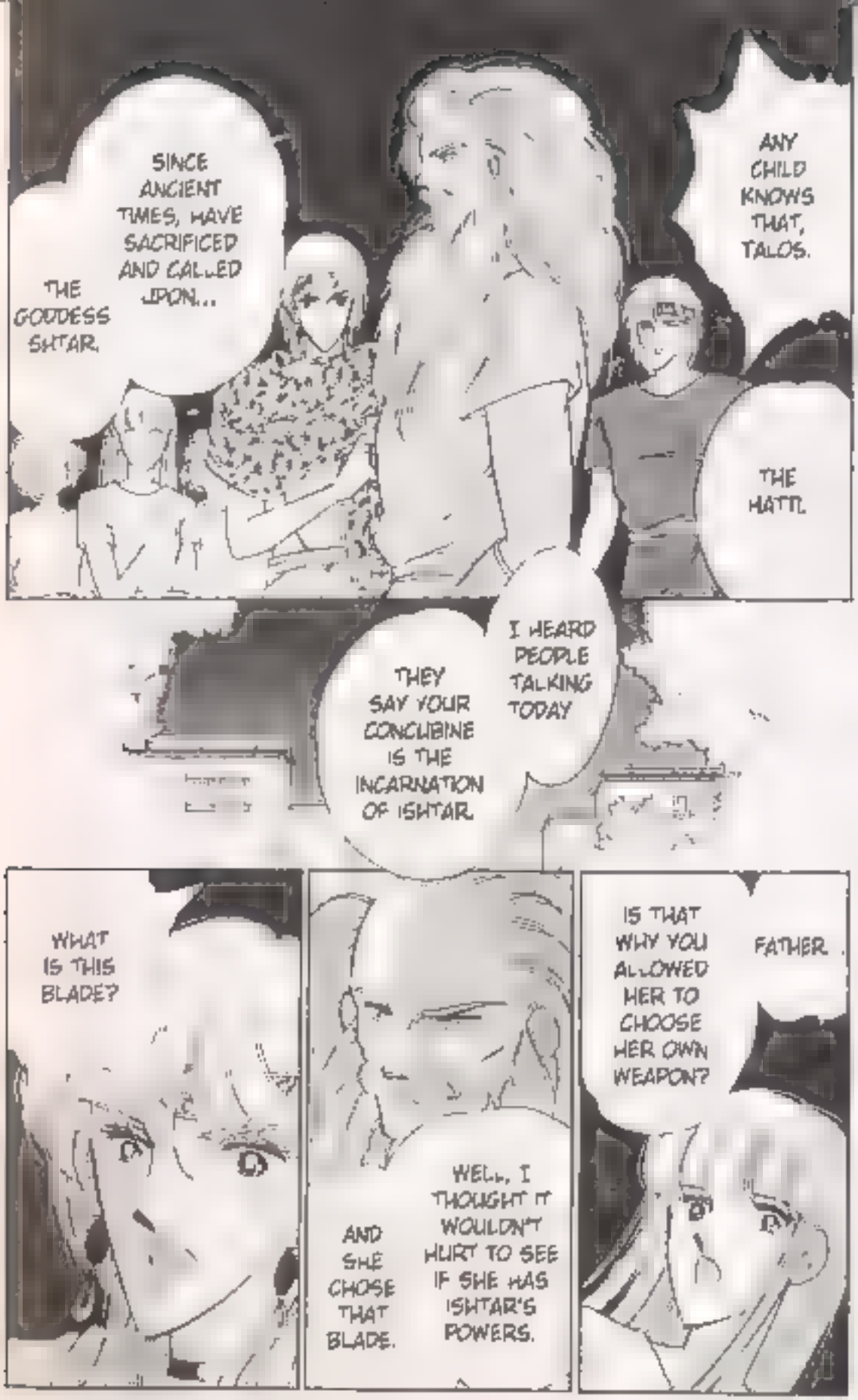

GASP
LITTLE ONE! I'VE FOUND YOU!
YOUR BLOOD WILL STAIN THE STREETS OF ALINNA

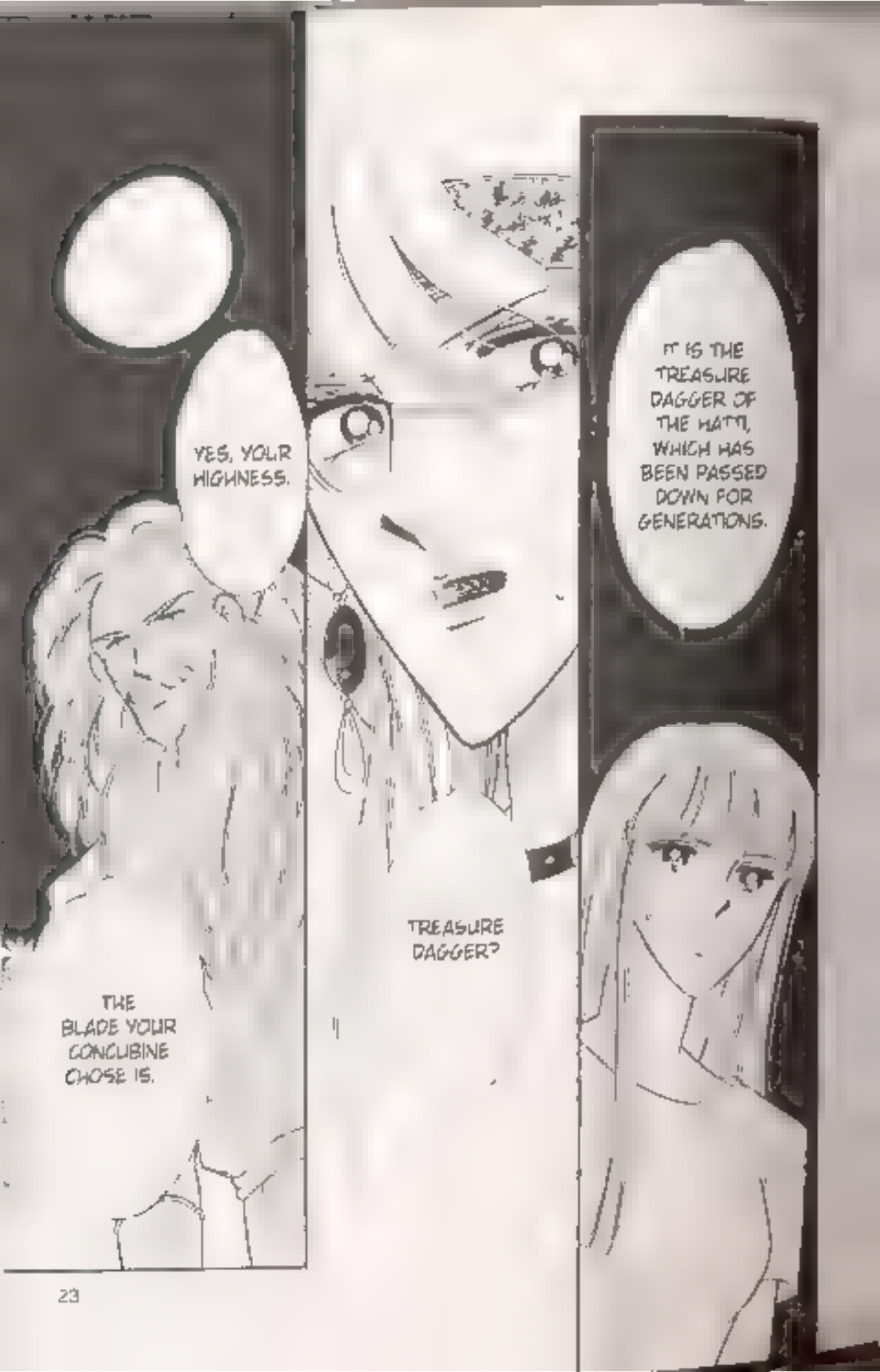

I DON'T KNOW HOW MY FATHER FEELS ABOUT PRINCESS YUKI.
WHEN WE WERE DISCUSSING OUR PLAN TO KILL HER.
HE SAID NOTHING
IF SHE IS ALIVE, SHE'S LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER TALOS
WE MUST HURRY!
THEN HE MAY ALSO WISH HER HARM.
JMP

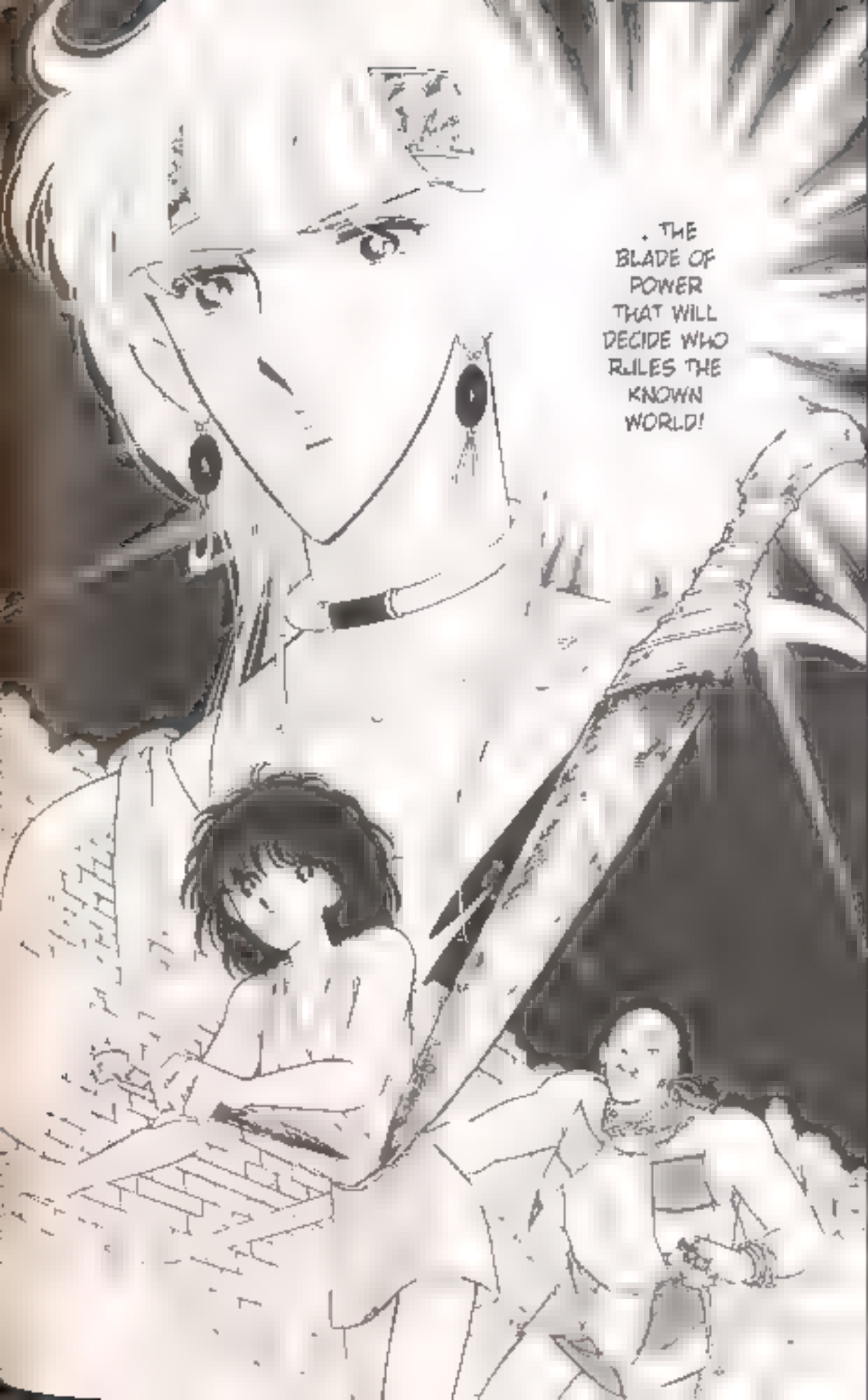
TALOS!
A YOUTH WITH BLACK HAIR AND IVORY SKIN?
DID A GIRL COME THIS WAY?
PRINCE KAIL!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO UPSET
YOU MUST BE FOND OF HER
WHAT?!
IF YOU MEAN YOUR CONCUBINE I SENT HER TO FIGHT ZUWA

SHE CHOSE THE DAGGER WITHOUT HESITATION.
?!
BUT YOU NEEDN'T FEAR FOR HER.
HADI.
WHEN I TOLD HER TO CHOOSE A WEAPON.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHICH DAGGER, FATHER? YOU DON'T MEAN.
CURRENTLY THE ENTIRE REGION IS AT WAR.
YOUR HIGHNESS


Black Sea
Hittite
THERE IS THE MITANNI KINGDOM.
AND THERE IS OUR EMPIRE IN ANATOLIA.
Mittan
THERE IS A GREAT POWER, EGYPT, ON THE NILE.
Egypt
THESE THREE EMPIRES ARE STRUGGLING FOR SUPREMACY
LESSER NATIONS, TOO, CONTINUALLY PECK AT EACH OTHER


ANY CHILD KNOWS THAT, TALOS.
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, HAVE SACRIFICED AND CALLED UPON...
THE GODDESS SHTAR.
THE HATTI.
I HEARD PEOPLE TALKING TODAY
THEY SAY YOUR CONCUBINE IS THE INCARNATION OF ISHTAR.
WHAT IS THIS BLADE?
AND SHE CHOSE THAT BLADE.
WELL, I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T HURT TO SEE IF SHE HAS ISHTAR'S POWERS.
IS THAT WHY YOU ALLOWED HER TO CHOOSE HER OWN WEAPON?
FATHER.

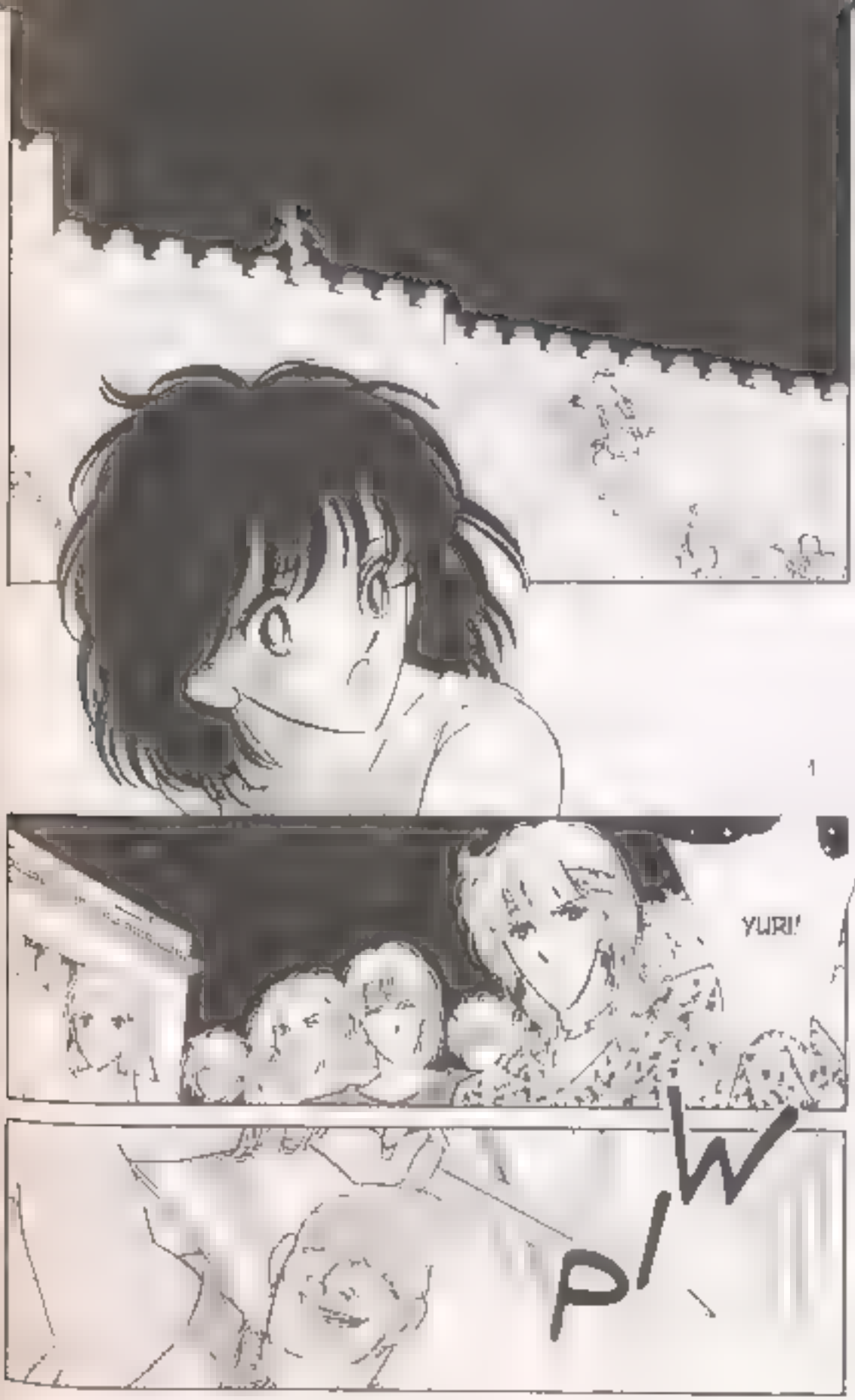

IT IS THE TREASURE DAGGER OF THE HATTI, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS.
TREASURE DAGGER?
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.
THE BLADE YOUR CONCUBINE CHOSE IS.


. THE BLADE OF POWER THAT WILL DECIDE WHO RULES THE KNOWN WORLD!

WAIT LITTLE ONE!
I WAS READY TO FIGHT HIM, BUT
HE'S SO BIG. HE'LL SQUASH ME LIKE A BUG
PRINCE KAIL'S SOLDIERS!
HOO RAY!
RUN, FOOLS!
PRINCESS YURI?
YOU'RE HER!
SHE DIDN'T DIE AFTER ALL!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO, STAY BACK!
ZUWA THE KASHUGA?
FEAR NOT, PRINCESS WE SHALL DEFEND YOU!
FOOL
YAAAH!

HIS SWORD IS STRONG TOO!
HIS STRENGTH IS INCREDIBLE
PRINCESS YURI, FLEE THAT WAY!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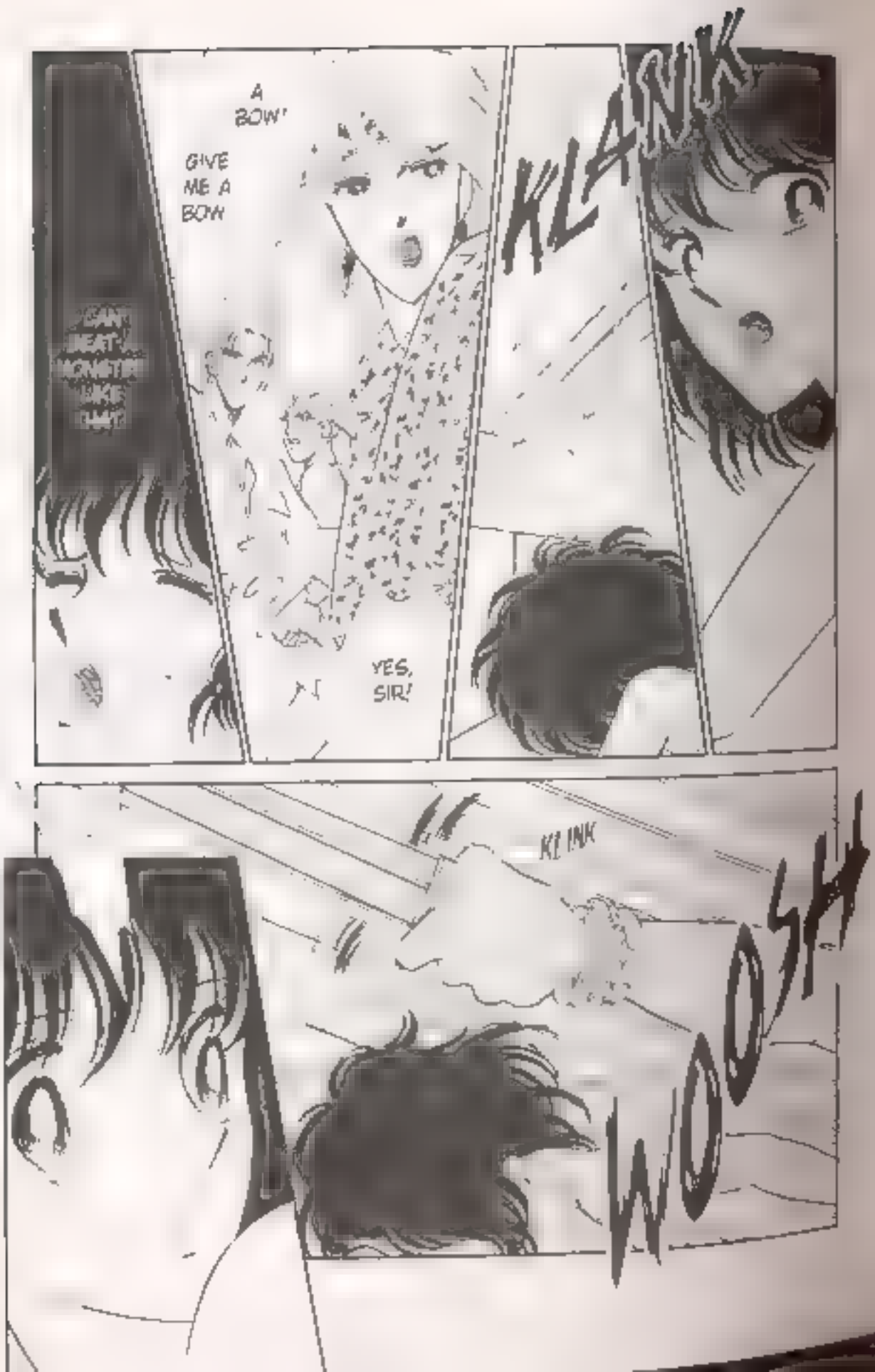
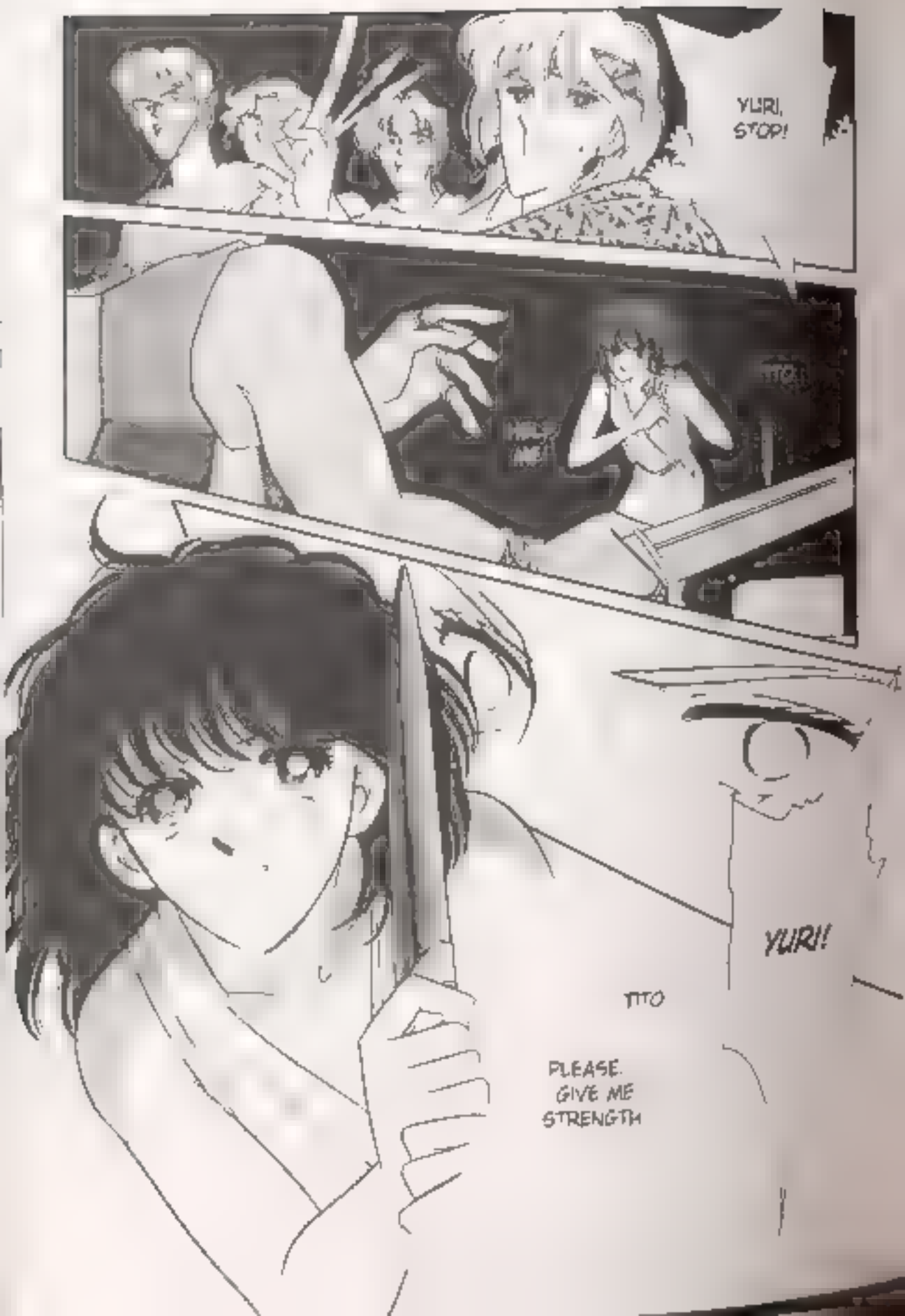
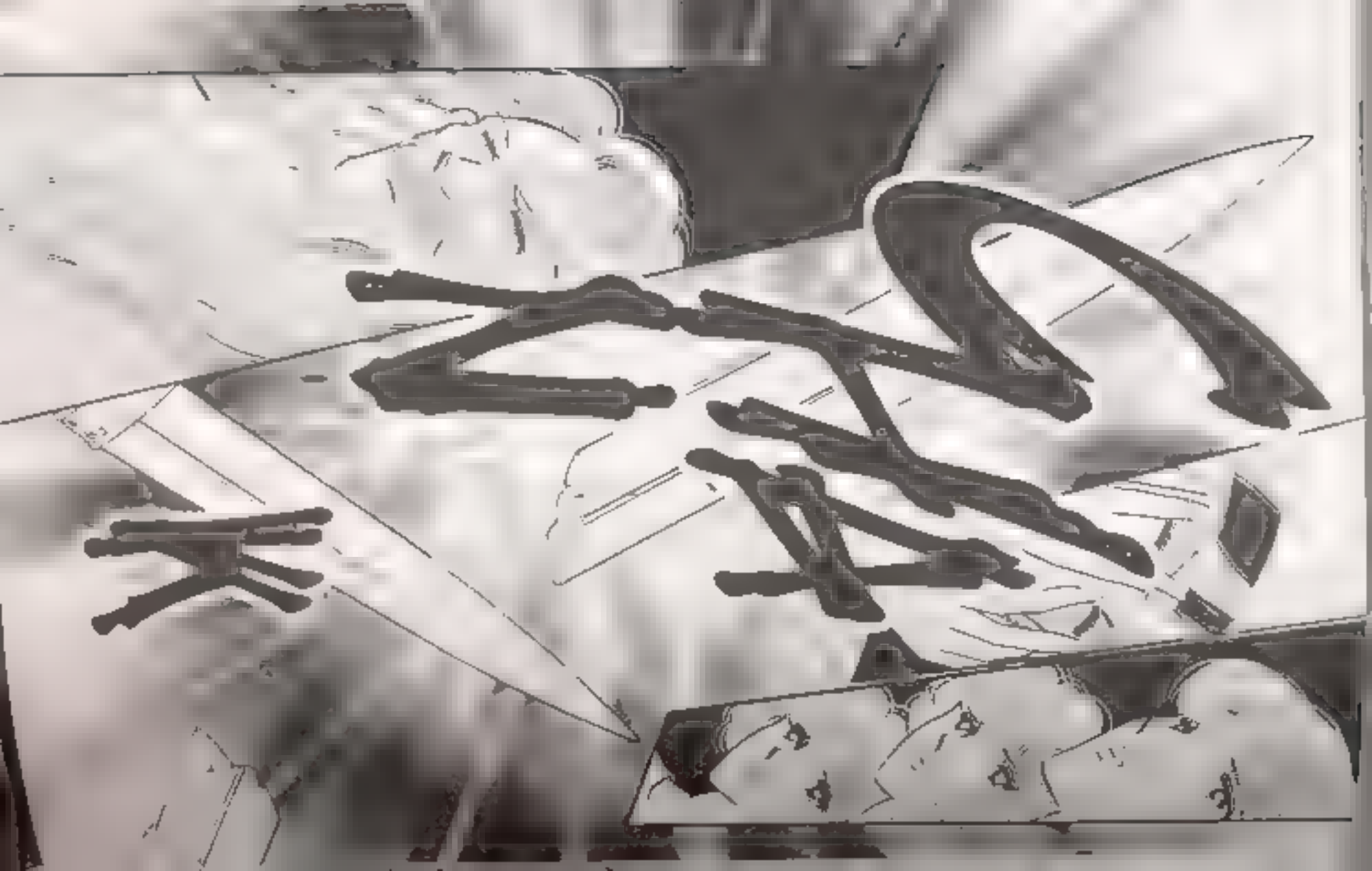
YURI!
PLW


A BOW!
GIVE ME A BOW
YES, SIR!
KLANK
KLINK
WOOSH

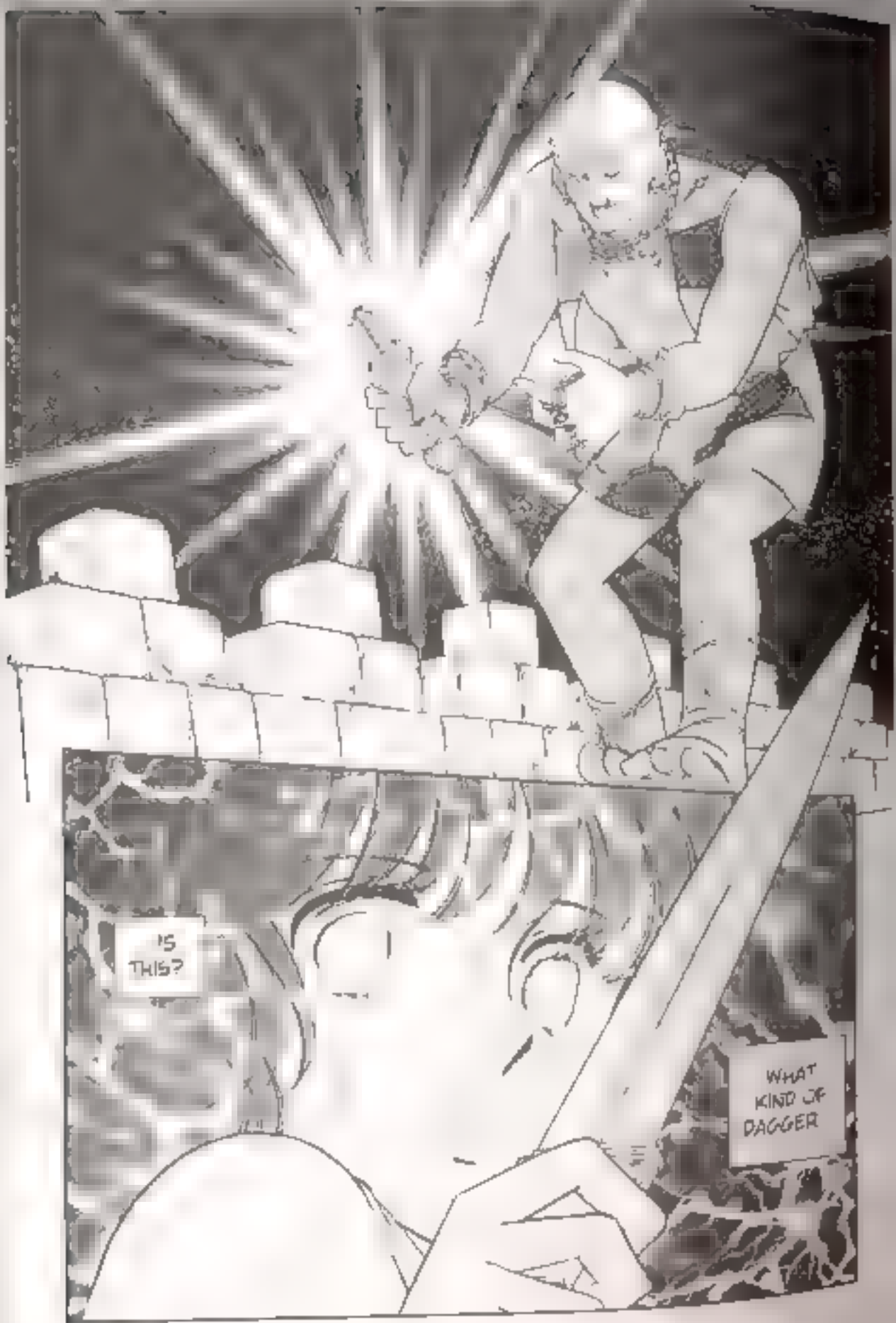
YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN.
TOMP
YOU ARE DEAD, LITTLE ONE
I CAN'T
I WILL HACK YOU AND YOUR KNIFE INTO PIECES!
HA.
YOU WOULD FIGHT ZUWA WITH THAT LITTLE KNIFE?

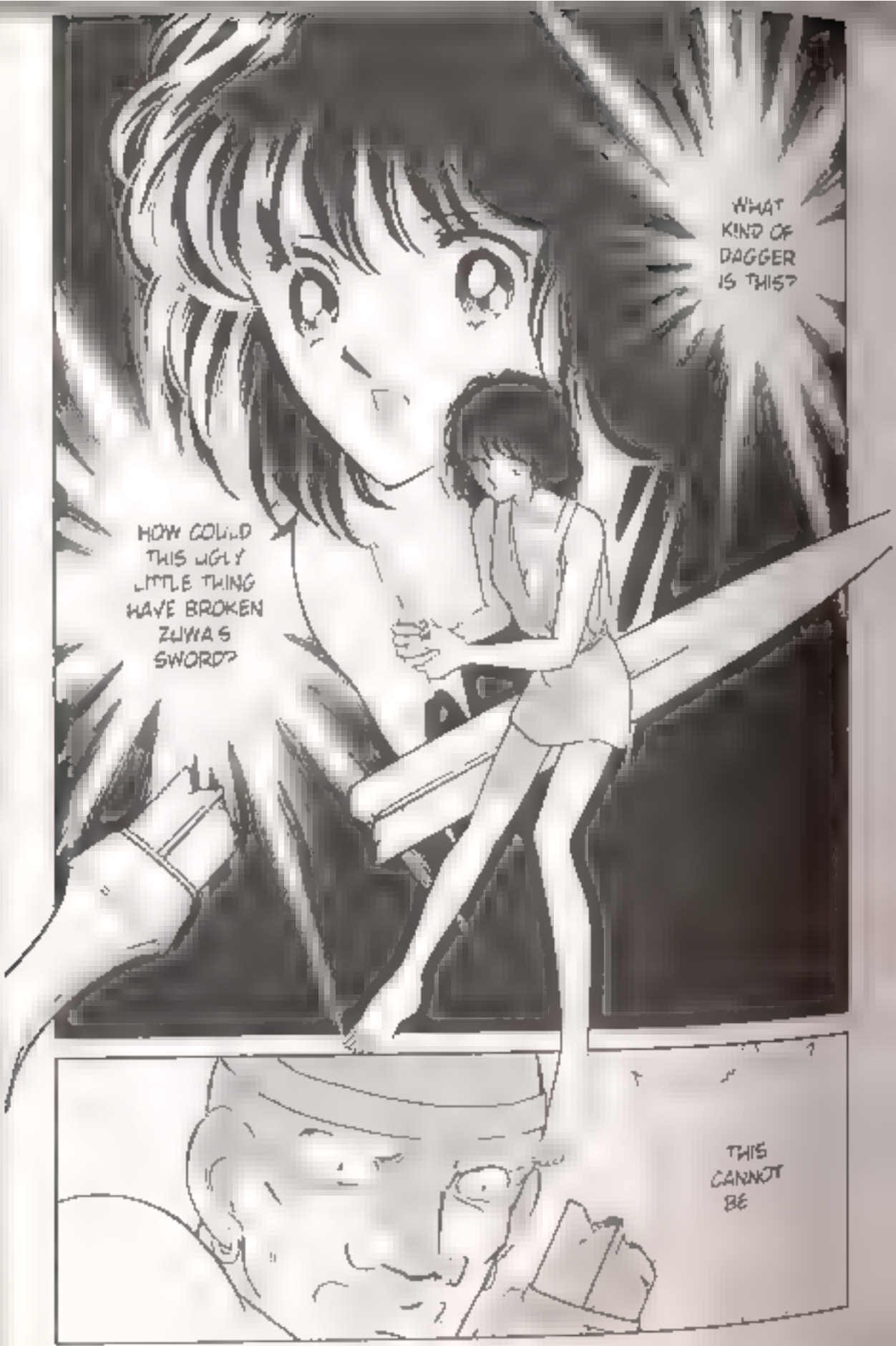

YURI, STOP!
TITO
YURI!
TITO
PLEASE. GIVE ME STRENGTH

PRINCESS YURI!

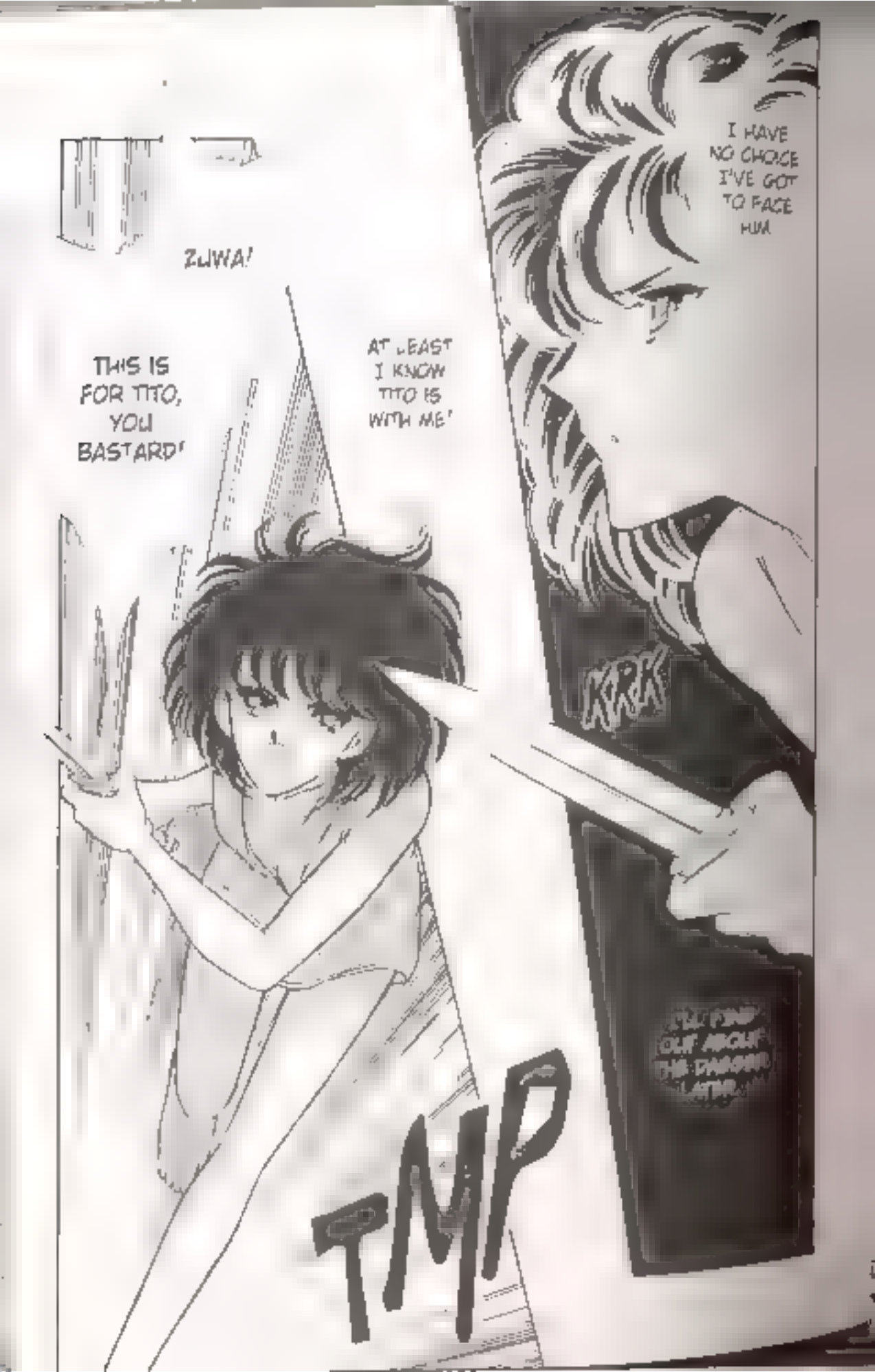


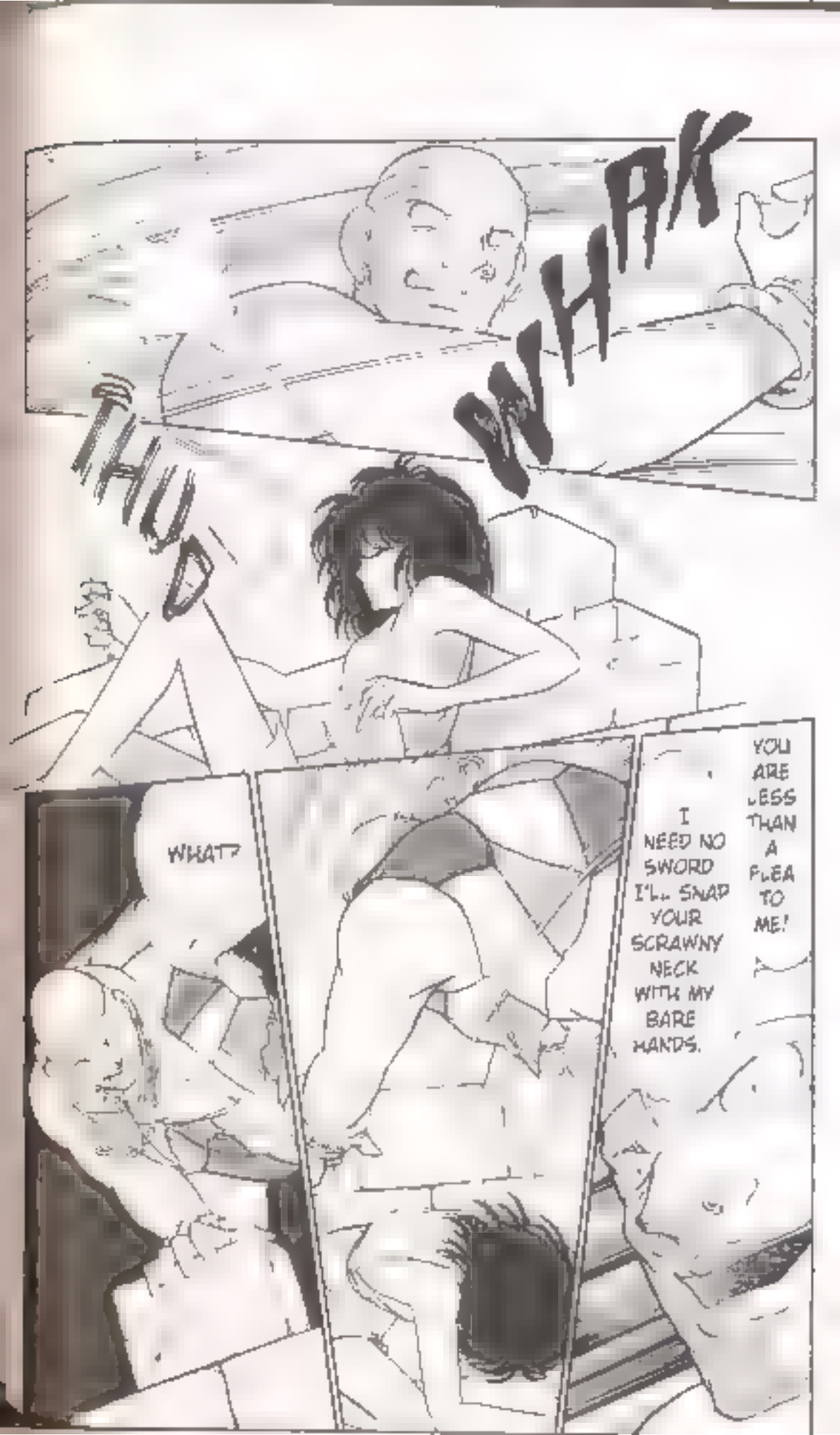
KLANK
SHE BROKE ZUWA'S SWORD!

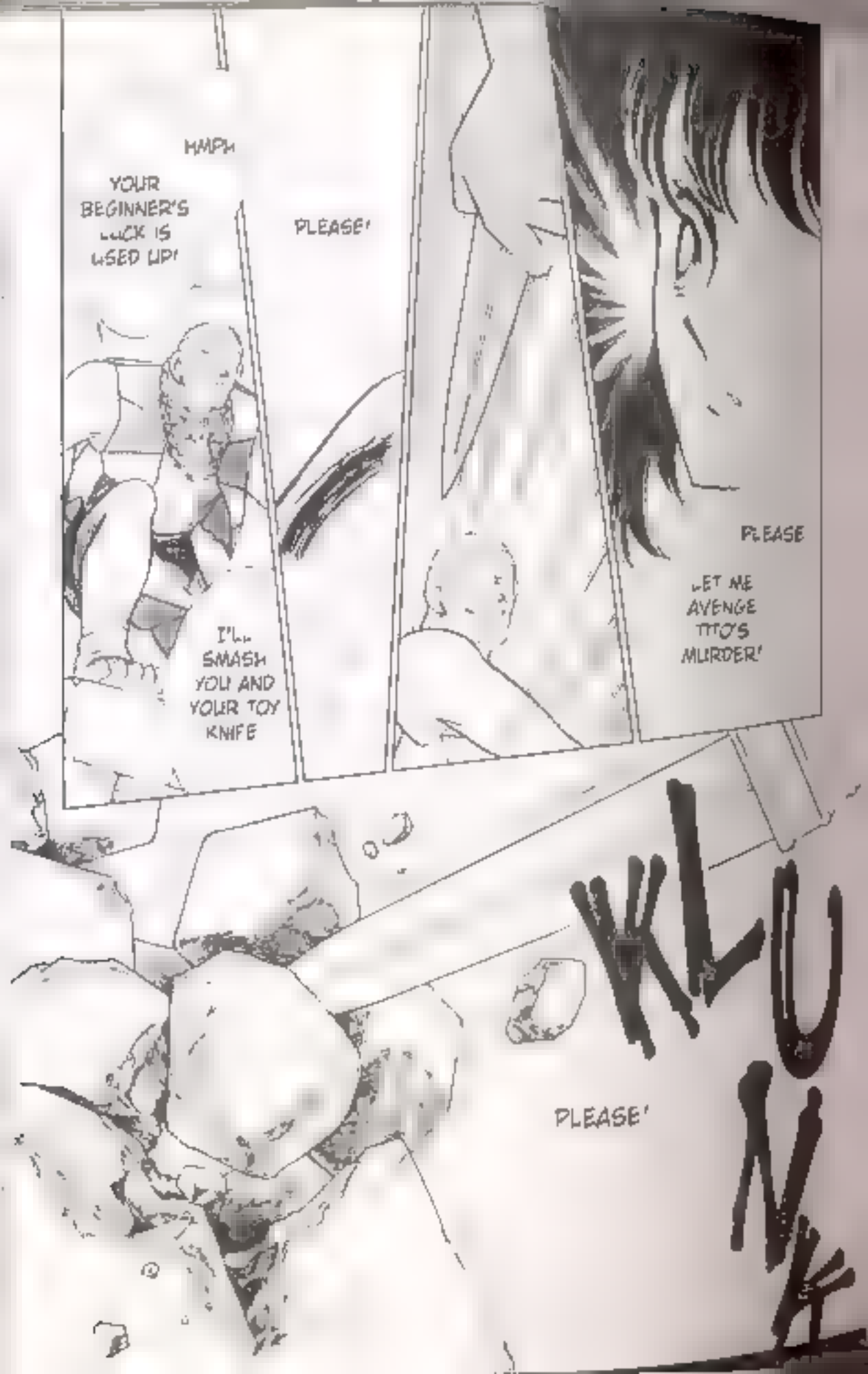

IS THIS?
WHAT KIND OF DAGGER

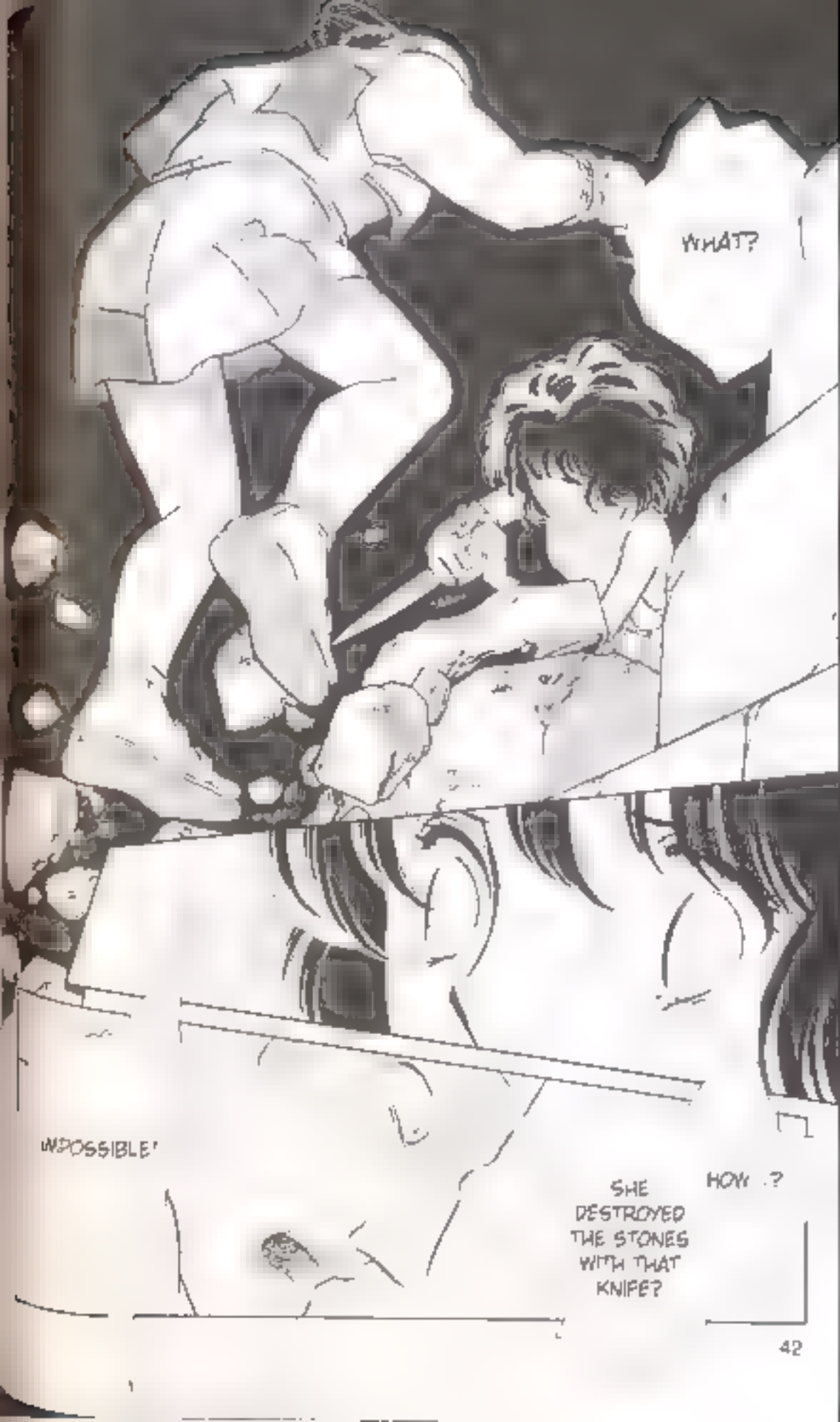

WHAT KIND OF DAGGER IS THIS?
HOW COULD THIS UGLY LITTLE THING HAVE BROKEN ZUVIA'S SWORD?
THIS CANNOT BE

LITTLE ONE, YOU'VE MADE A FOOL OF ME
DIE!
I SHALL AVENGE MY COMRADES WHO YOU SLEW!
ZUWA!
DAMN!
I CAN'T GET A CLEAR SHOT


I HAVE NO CHOICE I'VE GOT TO FACE HIM
ZUWA!
THIS IS FOR TITO, YOU BASTARD!
AT LEAST I KNOW TITO IS WITH ME!
KARA
TMP


WHAK
THUD
YOU ARE LESS THAN A FLEA TO ME!
I NEED NO SWORD I'LL SNAP YOUR SCRAWNY NECK WITH MY BARE HANDS.
WHAT?


HMPH
YOUR BEGINNER'S LUCK IS USED UP!
PLEASE!
I'LL SMASH YOU AND YOUR TOY KNIFE
PLEASE
LET ME AVENGE TTO'S MURDER!
PLEASE!


WHAT?
IMPOSSIBLE!
HOW...?
SHE DESTROYED THE STONES WITH THAT KNIFE?

huh

huh huh

huh

huh?

KR

A

SH

WAAA!

KRUK

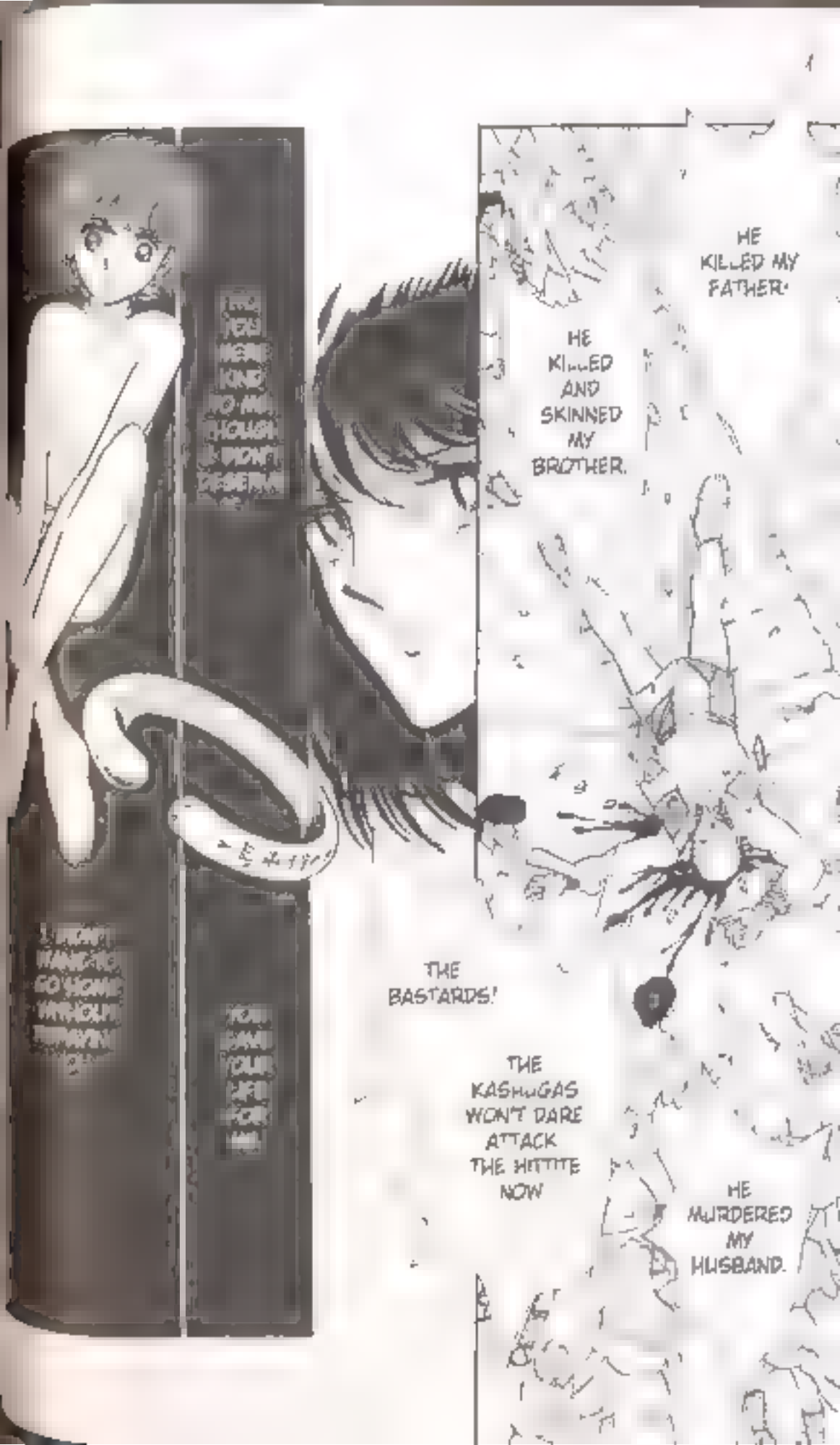
KRUK

KRUK

KRUK

PLOK
AYA!
MURMUR
MURMUR

ZUWA IS NO MORE!
huf
huf
huf
HOORAY
HOORAY
HOORAY
WOW!
IS HE DEAD?
ZUWA IS DEAD?
HE'S DEAD!
THAT KASHUGA KILLER
IS DEAD!


HE KILLED MY FATHER.
HE KILLED AND SKINNED MY BROTHER.
THE BASTARDS!
THE KASHUGAS WON'T DARE ATTACK THE HITTITE NOW
HE MURDERED MY HUSBAND.

BUT MY REVENGE IS STILL ONLY HALF FINISHED.

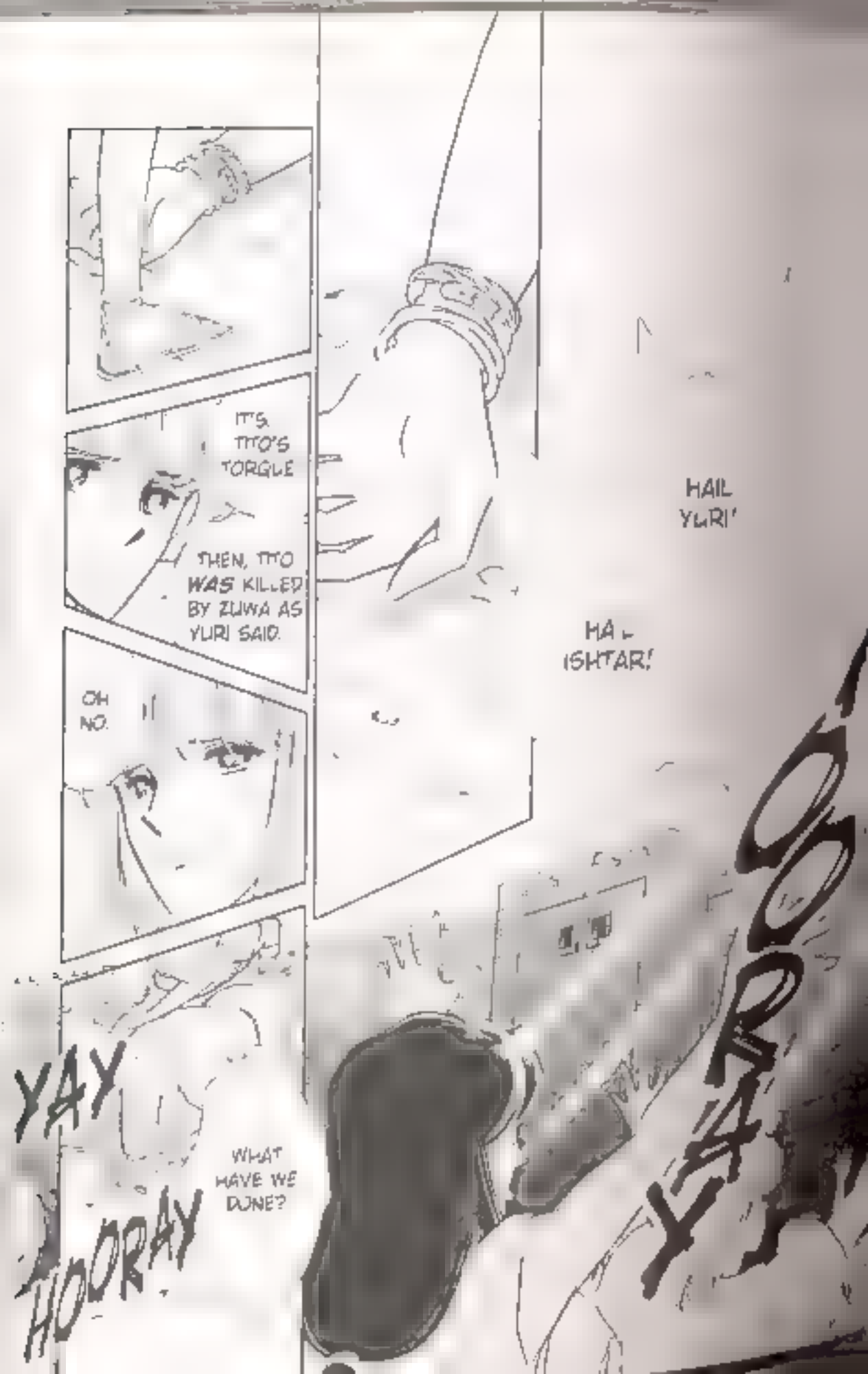
MORNING
THE SUN IS RISING
ISHTAR, THE GODDESS OF WAR
MURMUR
IS IT TRULY ISHTAR?
YES. IT'S ISHTAR!
MURMUR
WHAT?
BUT THE MORNING STAR IS NOT MEANT TO REAPPEAR UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S WET SEASON.
TRUE BUT THERE IT IS IN THE EASTERN SKY!
WHAT?! ISHTAR, THE MORNING STAR.
YES. IT IS ISHTAR!

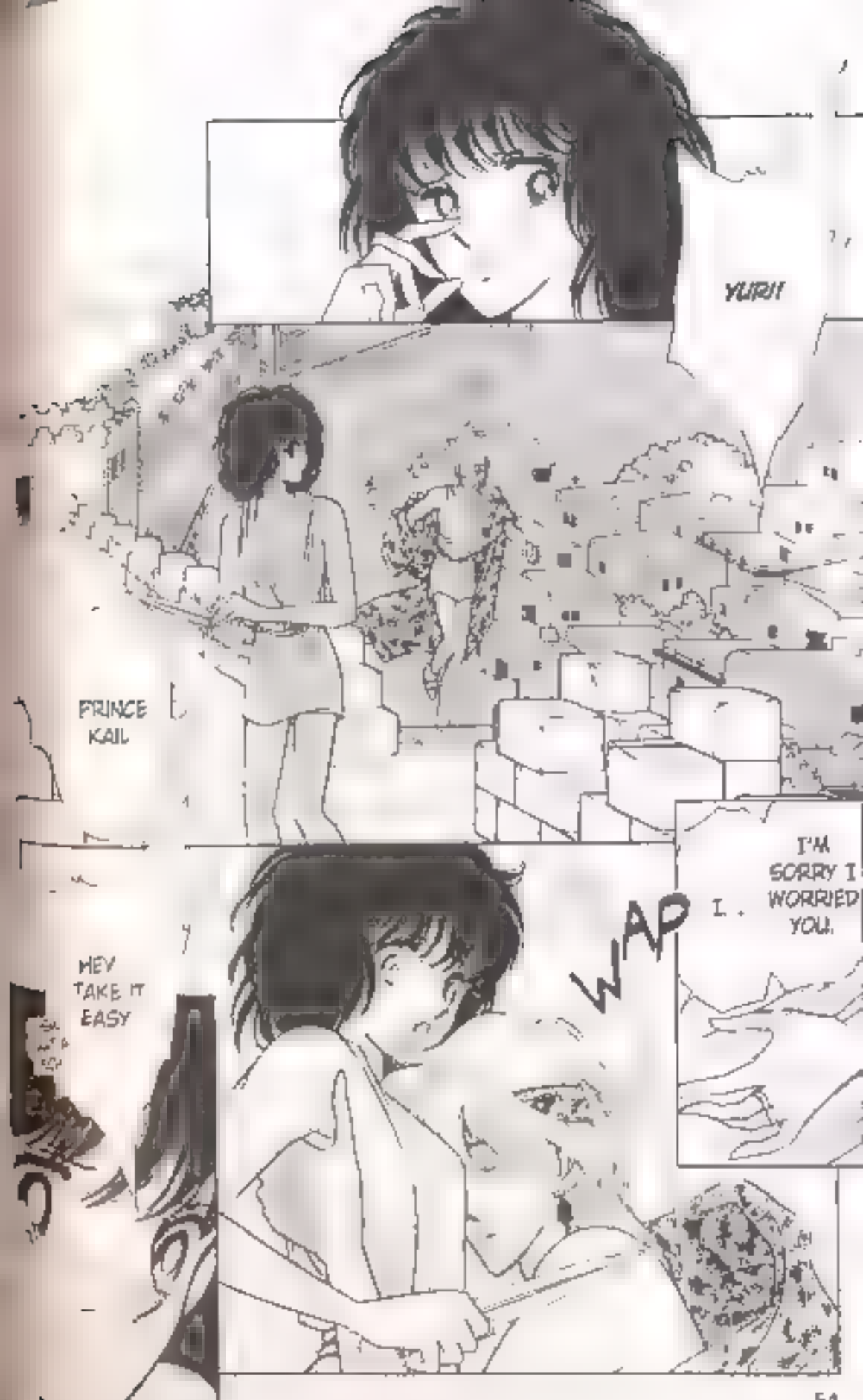
THAT IS
OH!
NO
WAIT!
AHHH!

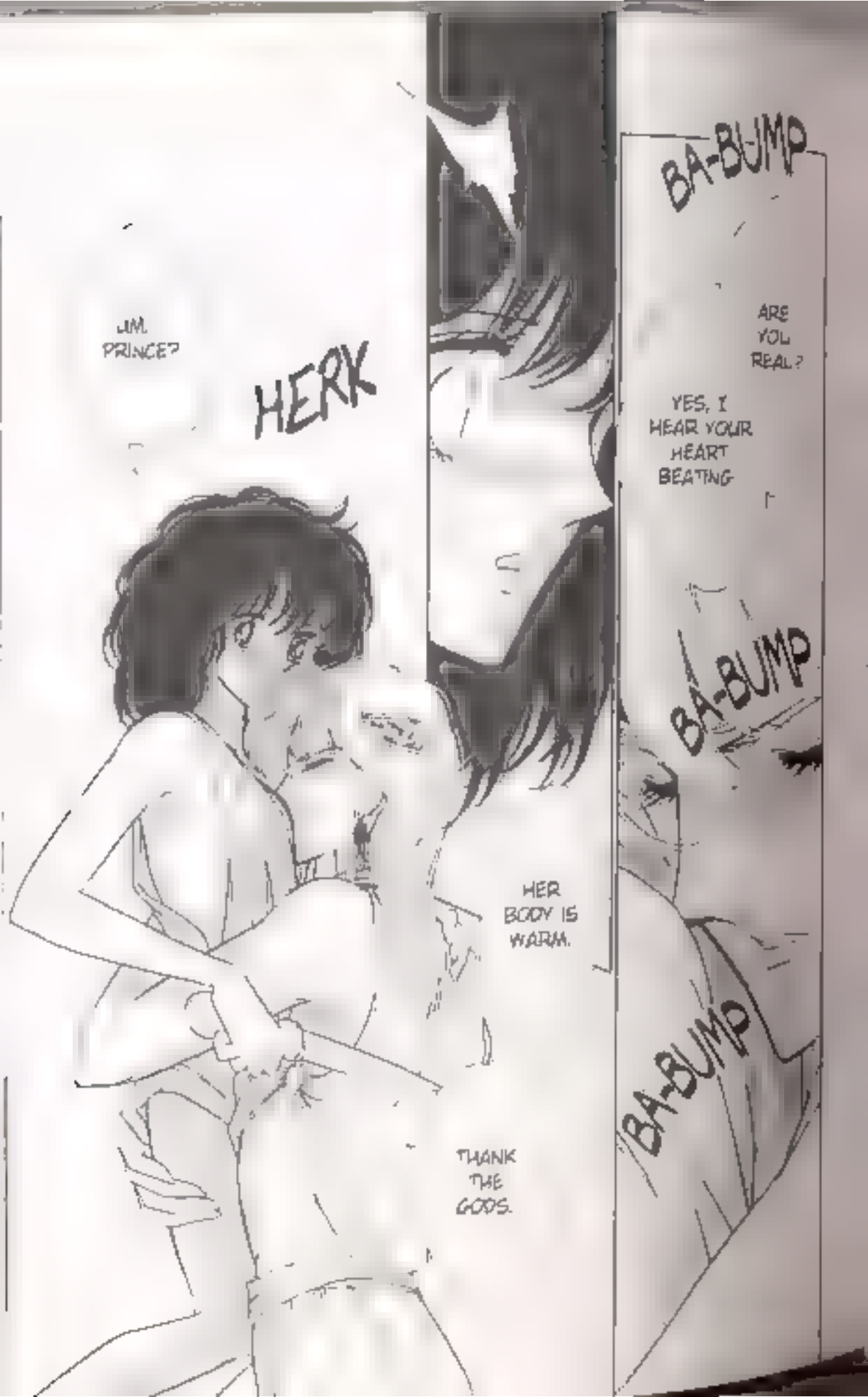
IT'S PRINCESS YURI!

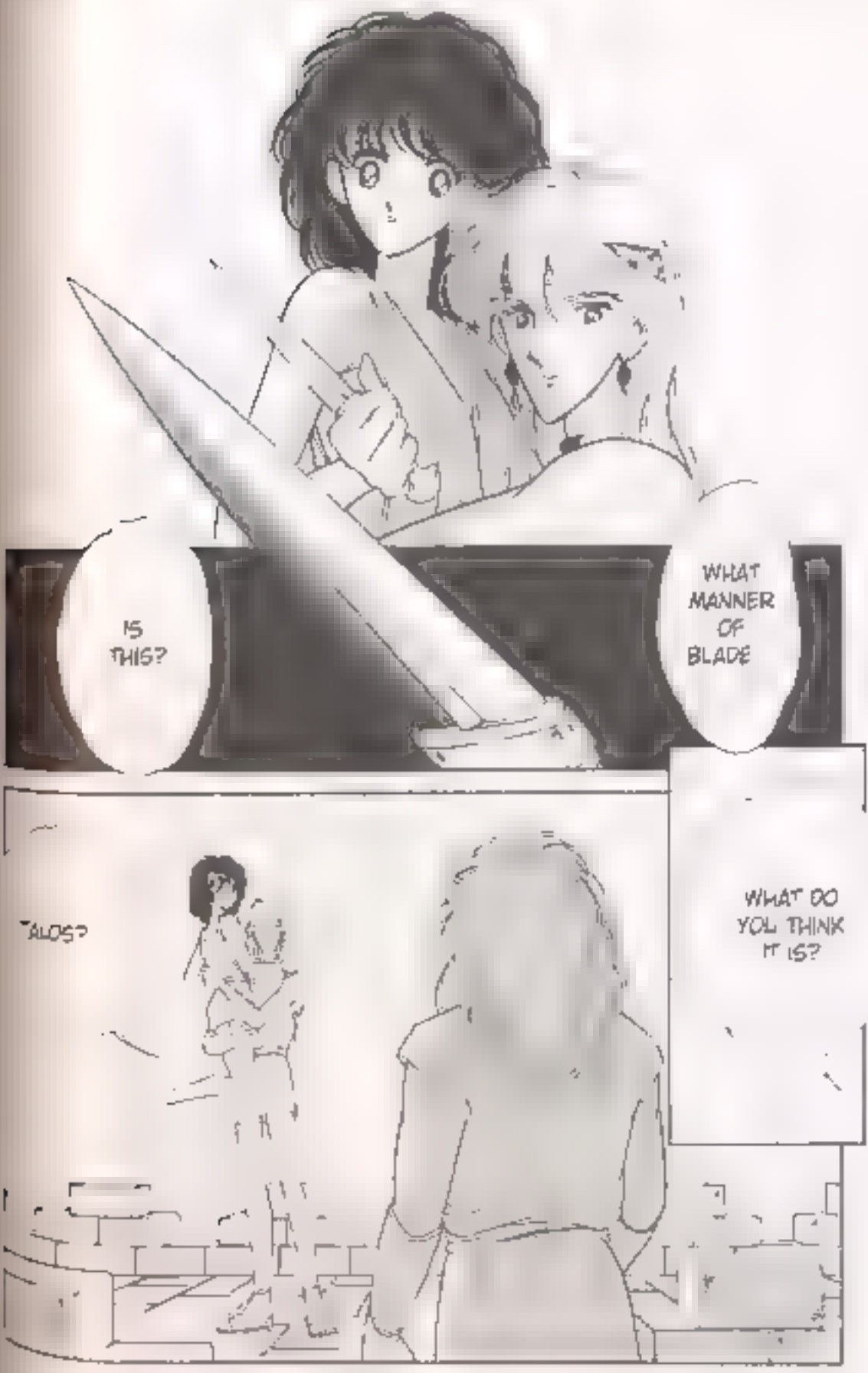
TITO!
PRINCESS YURI?
IS SHE ISHTAR?
PRINCESS YURI IS THE GODDESS OF WAR
AND SHE IS WITH US!
YES!
I'LL SEND YOU OFF TO HEAVEN NOW!
WE WERE RIGHT! PRINCESS YURI IS ISHTAR.

GO...
TO HEAVEN!
HAIL ISHTAR!
HAIL YLR!


IT'S TITO'S TORCH
THEN, TITO WAS KILLED BY ZUWA AS YURI SAID.
OH NO.
HAIL YURI!
HA- ISHTAR!
YAY
HOORAY
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?
YARO


YURI!
PRINCE KAIL
I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU.
I..
WAP
HEY TAKE IT EASY

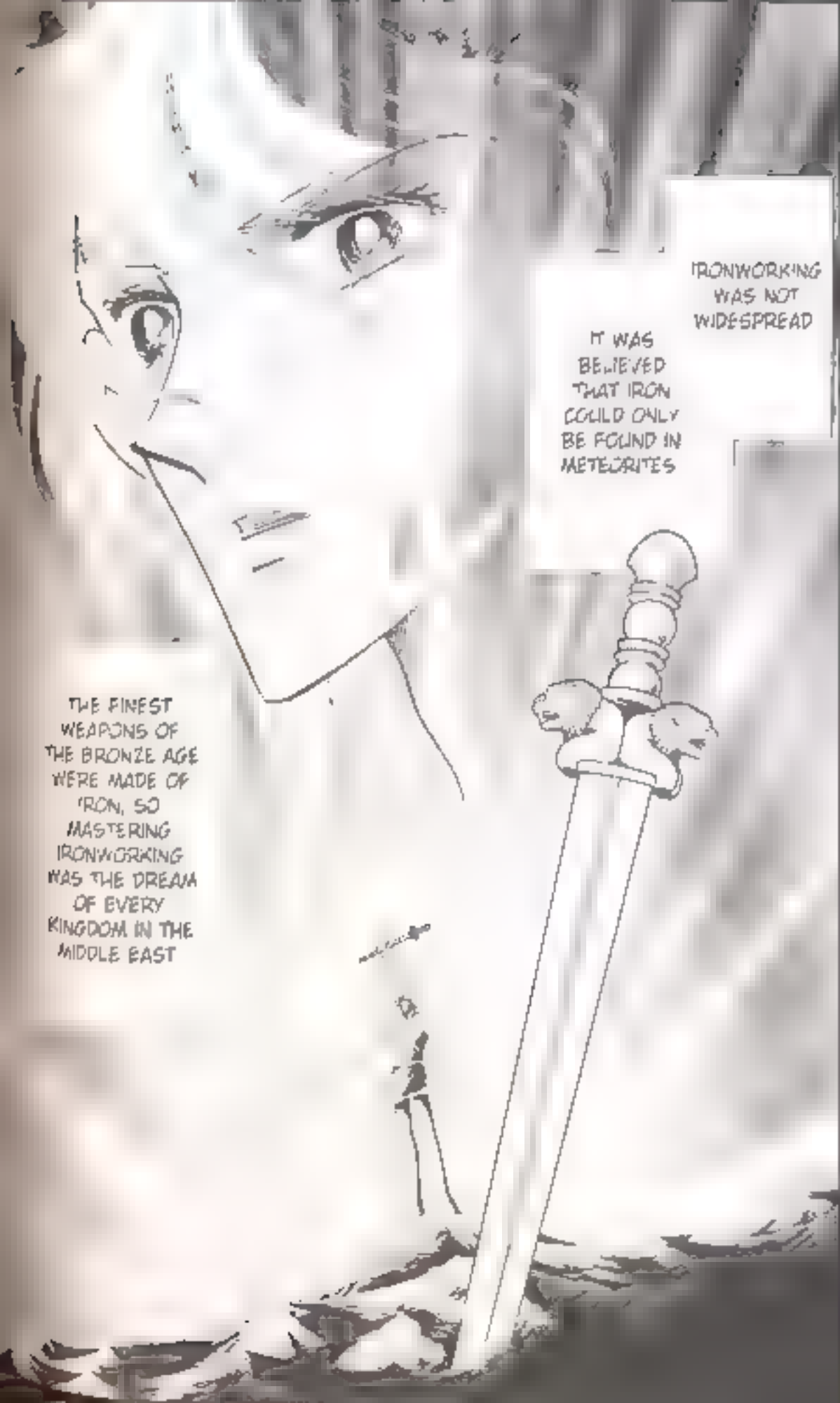

HERK
UM. PRINCE?
HER BODY IS WARM.
THANK THE GODS.
BA-BUMP
ARE YOU REAL?
YES, I HEAR YOUR HEART BEATING
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

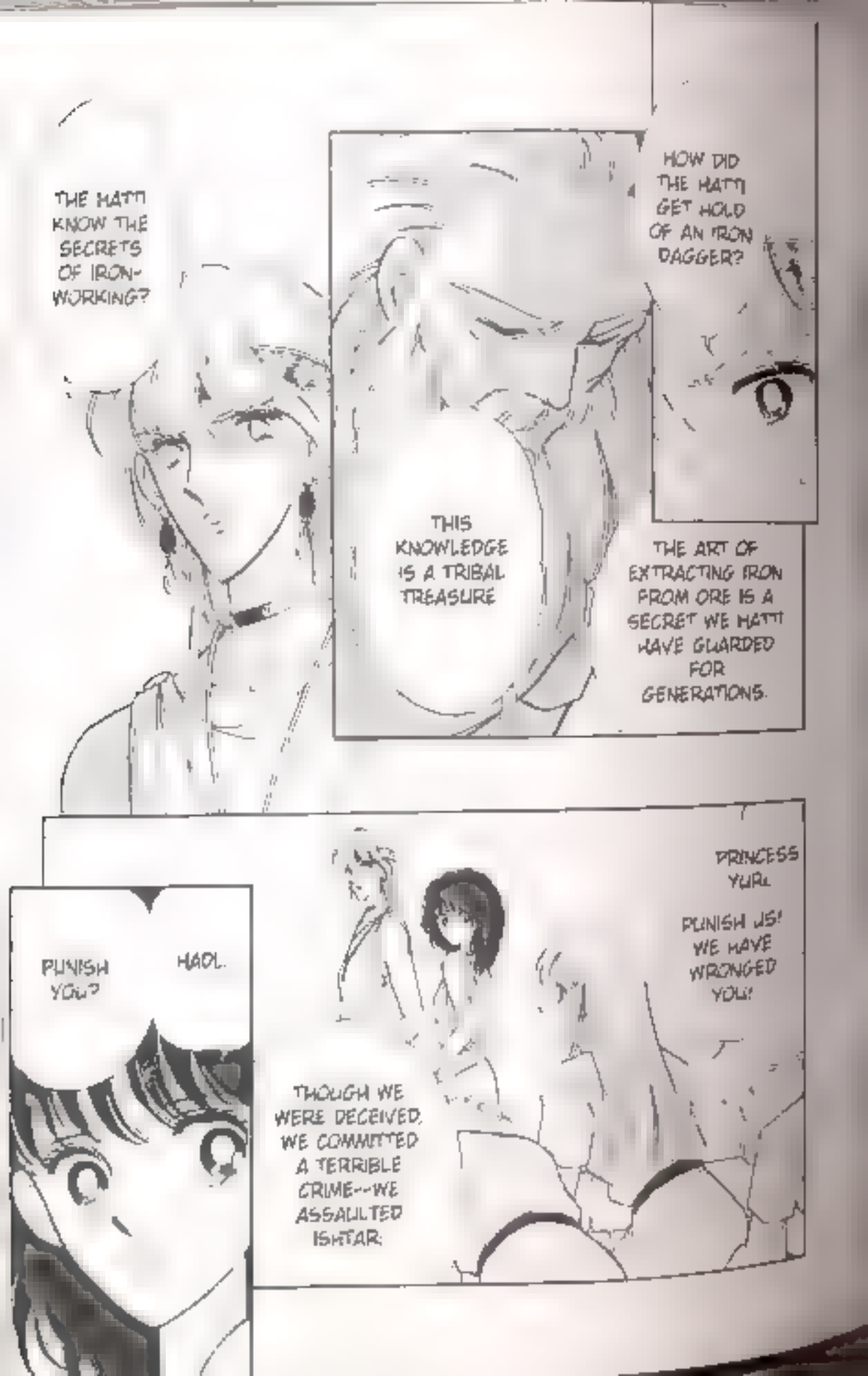

IS THIS?
WHAT MANNER OF BLADE
TALOS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

AN 'IRON DAGGER?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT DAGGER IS?
AND THIS ONE FELT RIGHT IN MY HAND.
WELL, THE SWORDS LOOKED HEAVY
PRINCESS
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT DAGGER?
IRON?!
PRINCESS YURI, YOU KNOW OF IRON?
WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

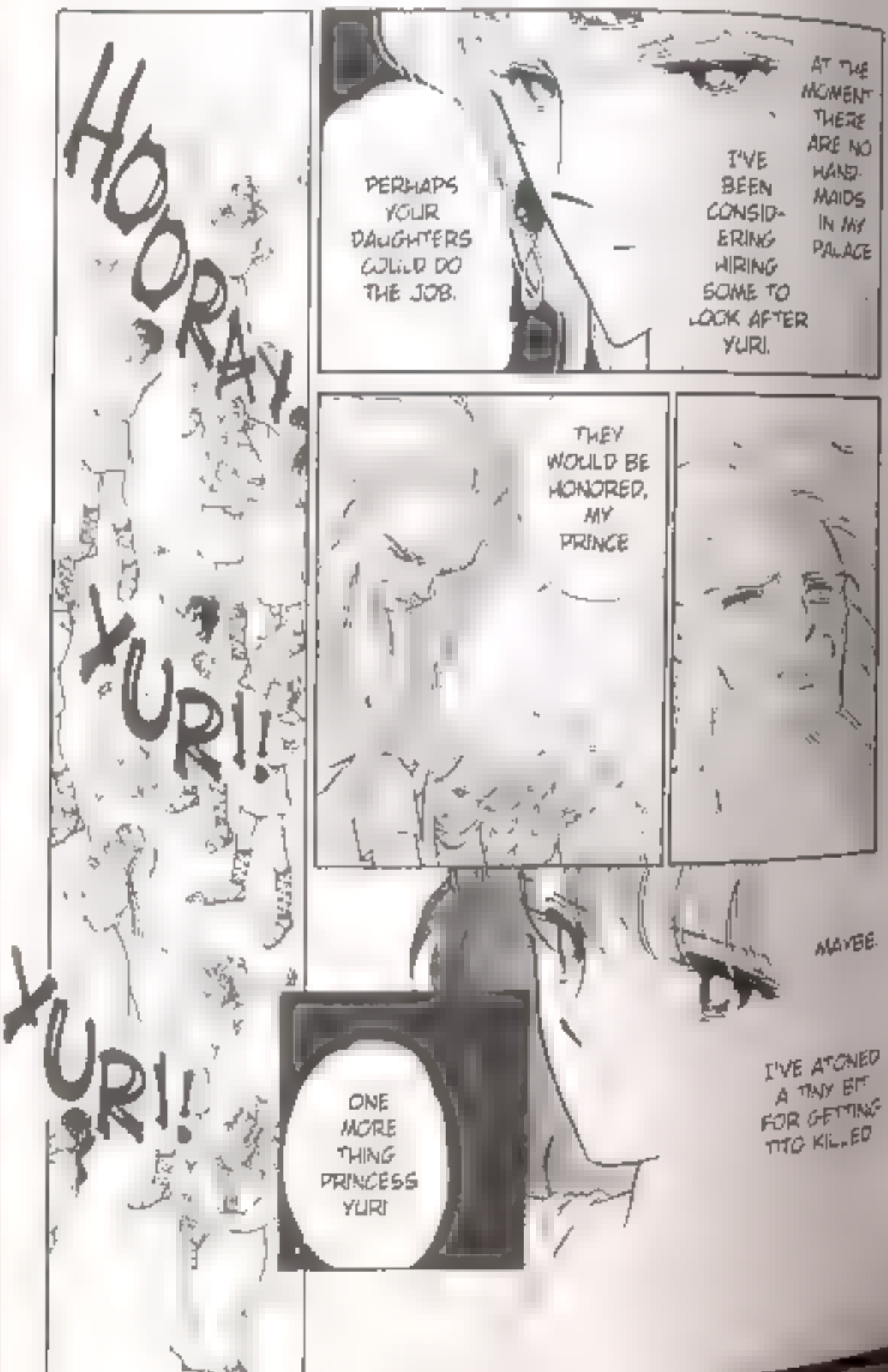
YURI, IRON IS EXTREMELY RARE. IT'S FOUND ONLY IN STONES THAT FALL FROM THE SKY
IT IS?
IT'S WORTH FAR MORE THAN GOLD
FEW PEOPLE HAVE EVER EVEN SEEN IT
HUH?
IS THIS OLD GUY CRAZY?
DOESN'T EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT IRON IS? IT'S EVERY-WHERE
BUT IT'S EVERY-WHERE
YOU RECOGNIZE IRON BY SIGHT?
THAT'S INCREDIBLE

IRON HOT
IN THE 15TH CENTURY B.C.
THE WORLD WAS STILL IN THE BRONZE AGE.

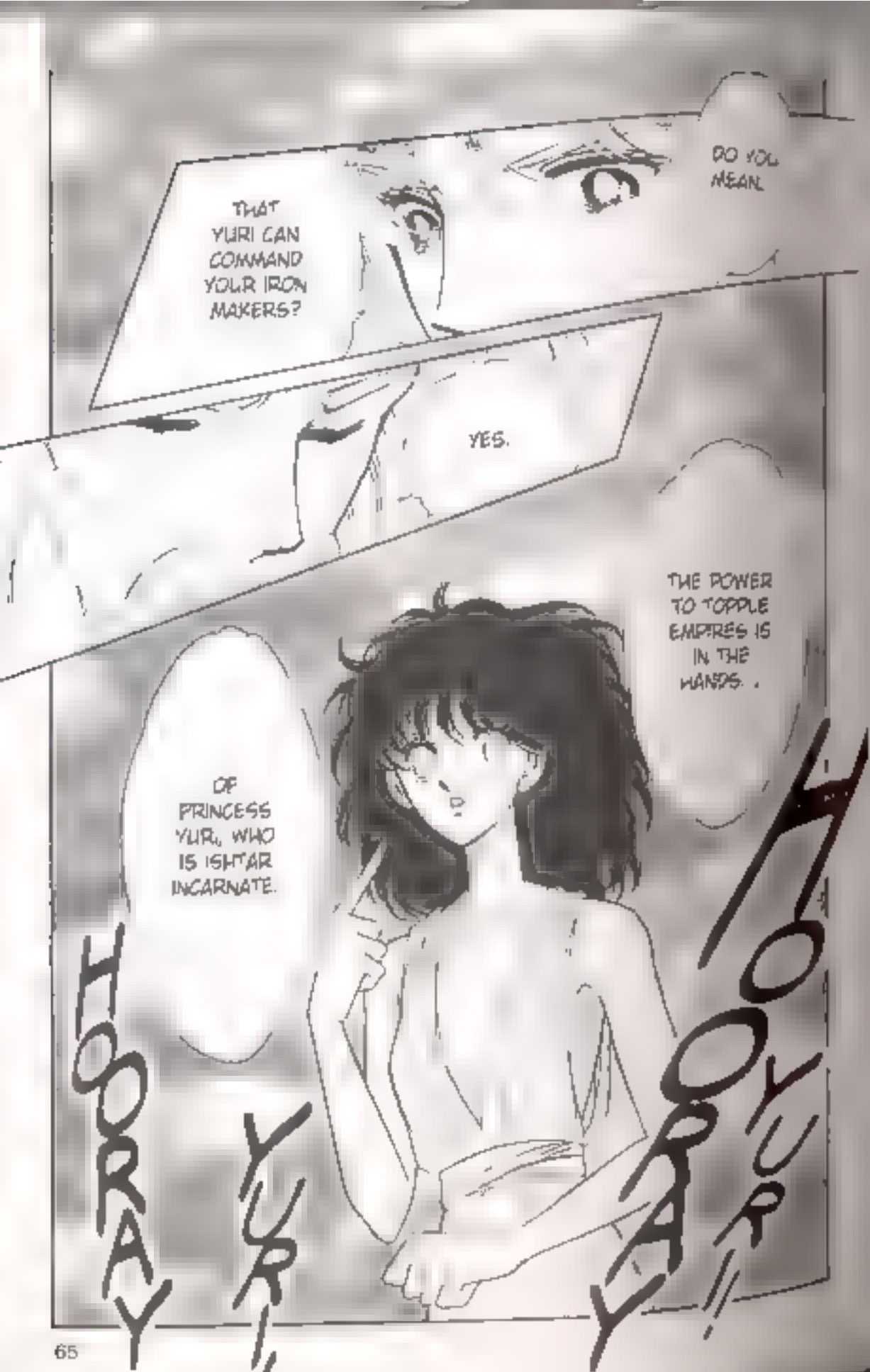

IRONWORKING WAS NOT WIDESPREAD
IT WAS BELIEVED THAT IRON COULD ONLY BE FOUND IN METEORITES
THE FINEST WEAPONS OF THE BRONZE AGE WERE MADE OF IRON, SO MASTERING IRONWORKING WAS THE DREAM OF EVERY KINGDOM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

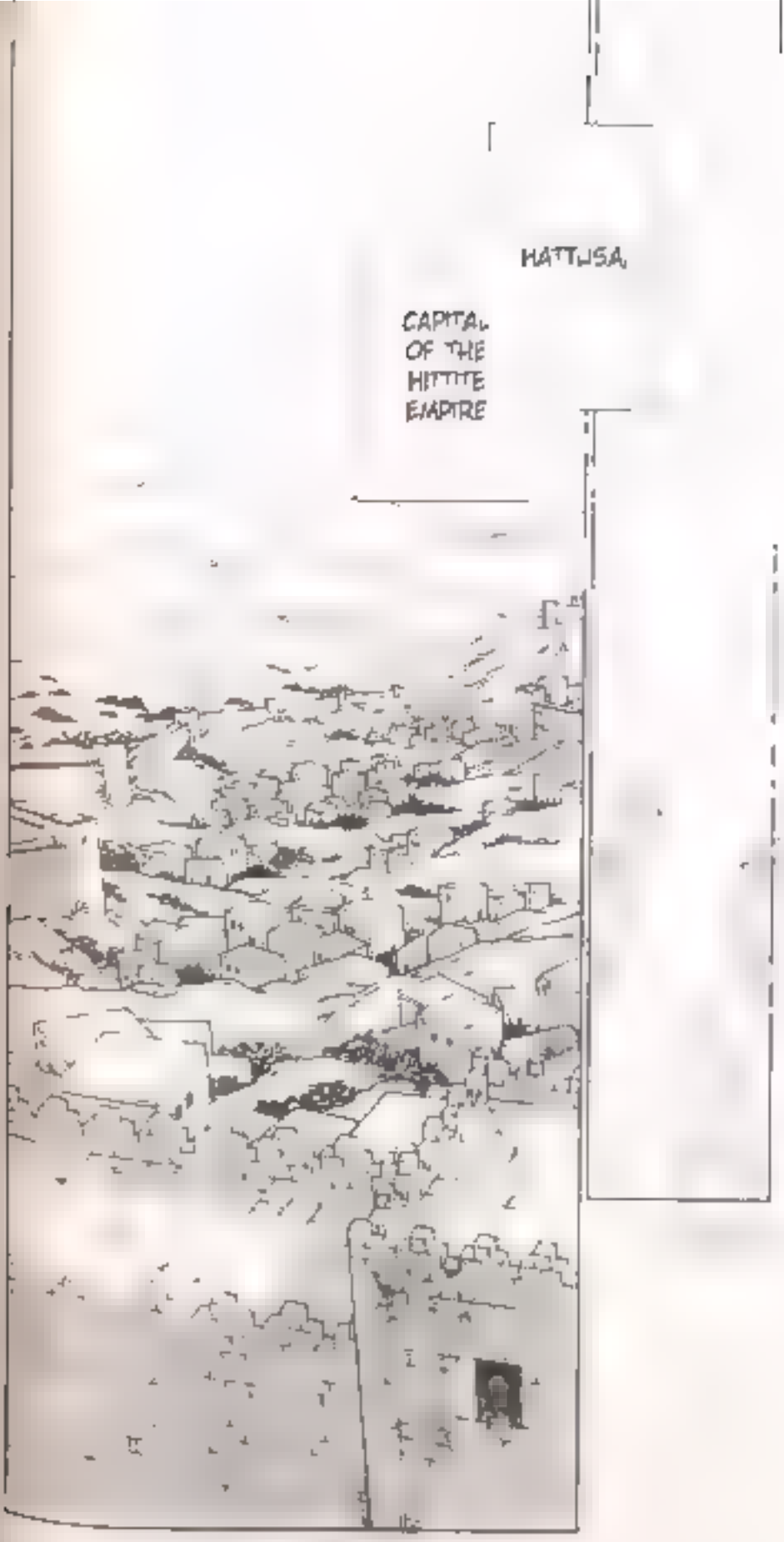

THE HATTI KNOW THE SECRETS OF IRON-WORKING?
HOW DID THE HATTI GET HOLD OF AN IRON DAGGER?
THIS KNOWLEDGE IS A TRIBAL TREASURE
THE ART OF EXTRACTING IRON FROM ORE IS A SECRET WE HATTI HAVE GUARDED FOR GENERATIONS.
PRINCESS YURI
PUNISH US! WE HAVE WRONGED YOU!
THOUGH WE WERE DECEIVED, WE COMMITTED A TERRIBLE CRIME--WE ASSAULTED ISHTAR.
PUNISH YOU?
HAOL.

WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
YOU ARE THE ONE THEY POISONED
PRINCE KAIL?
PRINCESS!
I DON'T WANT TO HURT THEM.
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD THEM EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO TITO WHEN WE FIRST MET
YES
TALOS
IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO SQUELCH ANY RUMORS
HMM. FORTUNATELY THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT ARE NOT WIDELY KNOWN.
GOOD!


HOORAY, YURI!
YURI!
AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE NO HAND-MAIDS IN MY PALACE
I'VE BEEN CONSID-ERING HIRING SOME TO LOOK AFTER YURI.
PERHAPS YOUR DAUGHTERS COULD DO THE JOB.
THEY WOULD BE HONORED, MY PRINCE
MAYBE.
I'VE ATONED A TINY BIT FOR GETTING TITO KILLED
ONE MORE THING PRINCESS YURI

YOU WERE KIND TO TITO. AND.
YOU SLEW HIS MURDERER.
THERE IS NO ONE TO INHERIT OUR PRECIOUS SECRET-- THE ART OF IRON MAKING
NOW THAT TITO IS GONE.
YAY
AND OUR KNOWLEDGE OF IRON-MAKING.
WE HATTI OFFER YOU OUR SERVICE.
YAY
YAY
PRINCESS YURI.


DO YOU MEAN
THAT YURI CAN COMMAND YOUR IRON MAKERS?
YES.
THE POWER TO TOPPLE EMPIRES IS IN THE HANDS.
OF PRINCESS YURI, WHO IS ISHTAR INCARNATE.
HOORAY YURI!!
HOORAY YURI!!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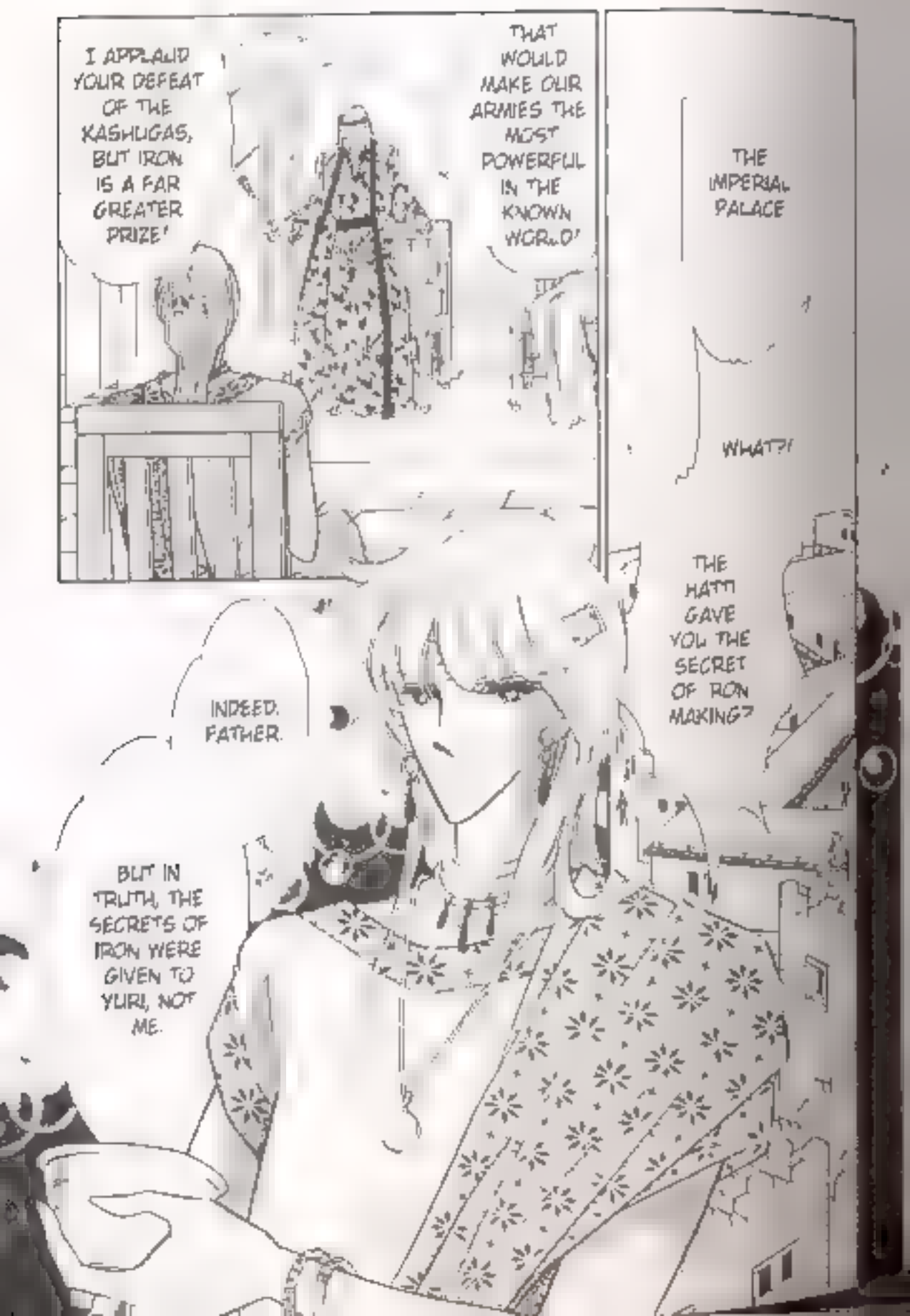

I APPLAUD YOUR DEFEAT OF THE KASHUGAS, BUT IRON IS A FAR GREATER PRIZE!
THAT WOULD MAKE OUR ARMIES THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE KNOWN WORLD!
THE IMPERIAL PALACE
WHAT?!
THE HATTI GAVE YOU THE SECRET OF IRON MAKING?
INDEED, FATHER.
BUT IN TRUTH, THE SECRETS OF IRON WERE GIVEN TO YURI, NOT ME.

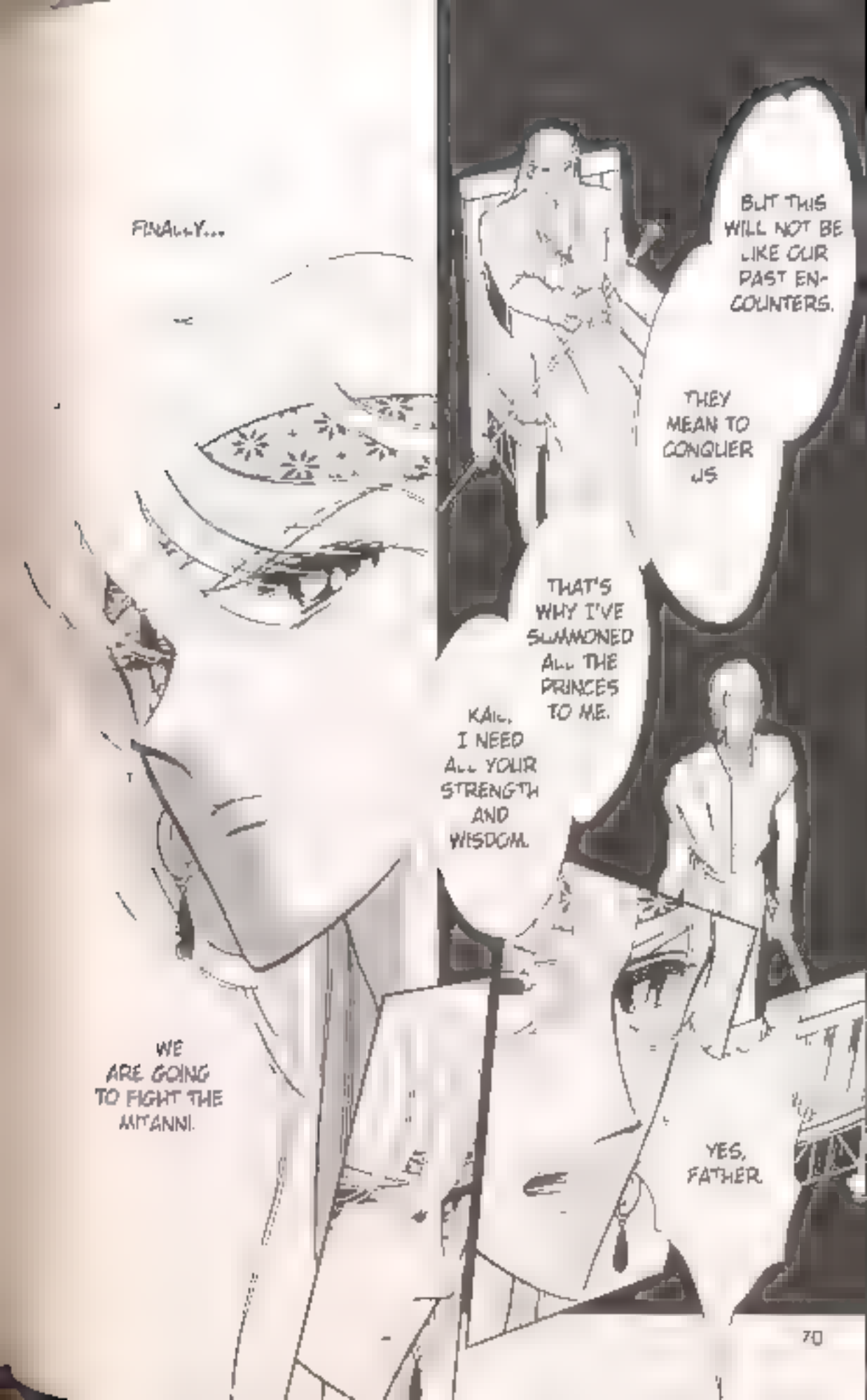
YES THEY ARE MASSING AT OUR BORDERS AGAIN.
THE MITANNI?
HAVE THEY MADE A MOVE?
WE WILL BE AT WAR BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.
KAL CAN WE START PRODUCTION OF IRON WEAPONS IMMEDIATELY?
I WISH OUR LEGIONS TO BRISTLE WITH THEM WHEN THEY MEET THE MITANNI

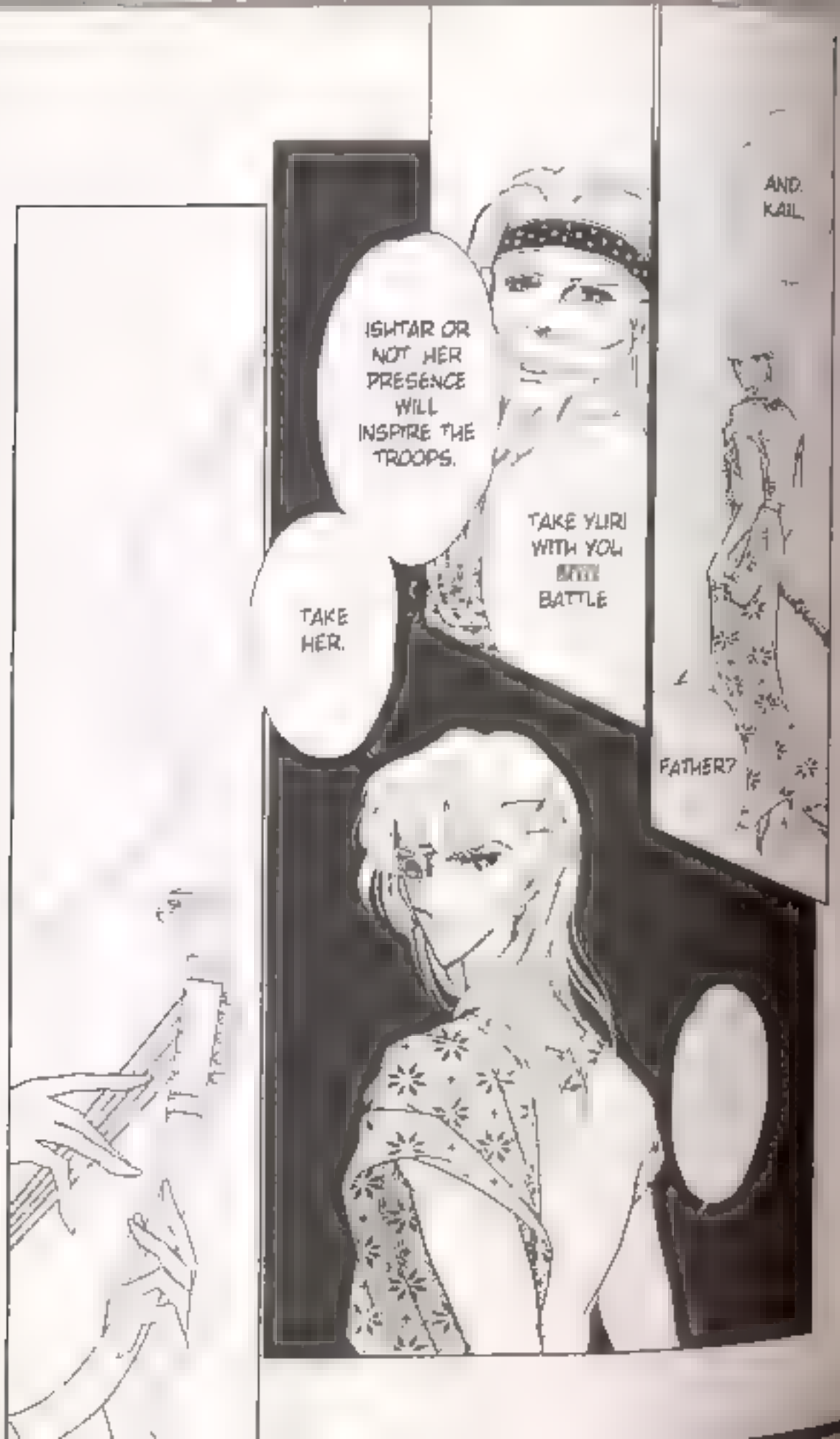
EH QUEEN NAKIA?
THIS ALMOST PERSUADES ME THAT YOUR CONCUBINE REALLY IS ISHTAR.
IT DOESN'T MATTER, SO LONG AS WE CAN AVAIL OURSELVES OF THEM!

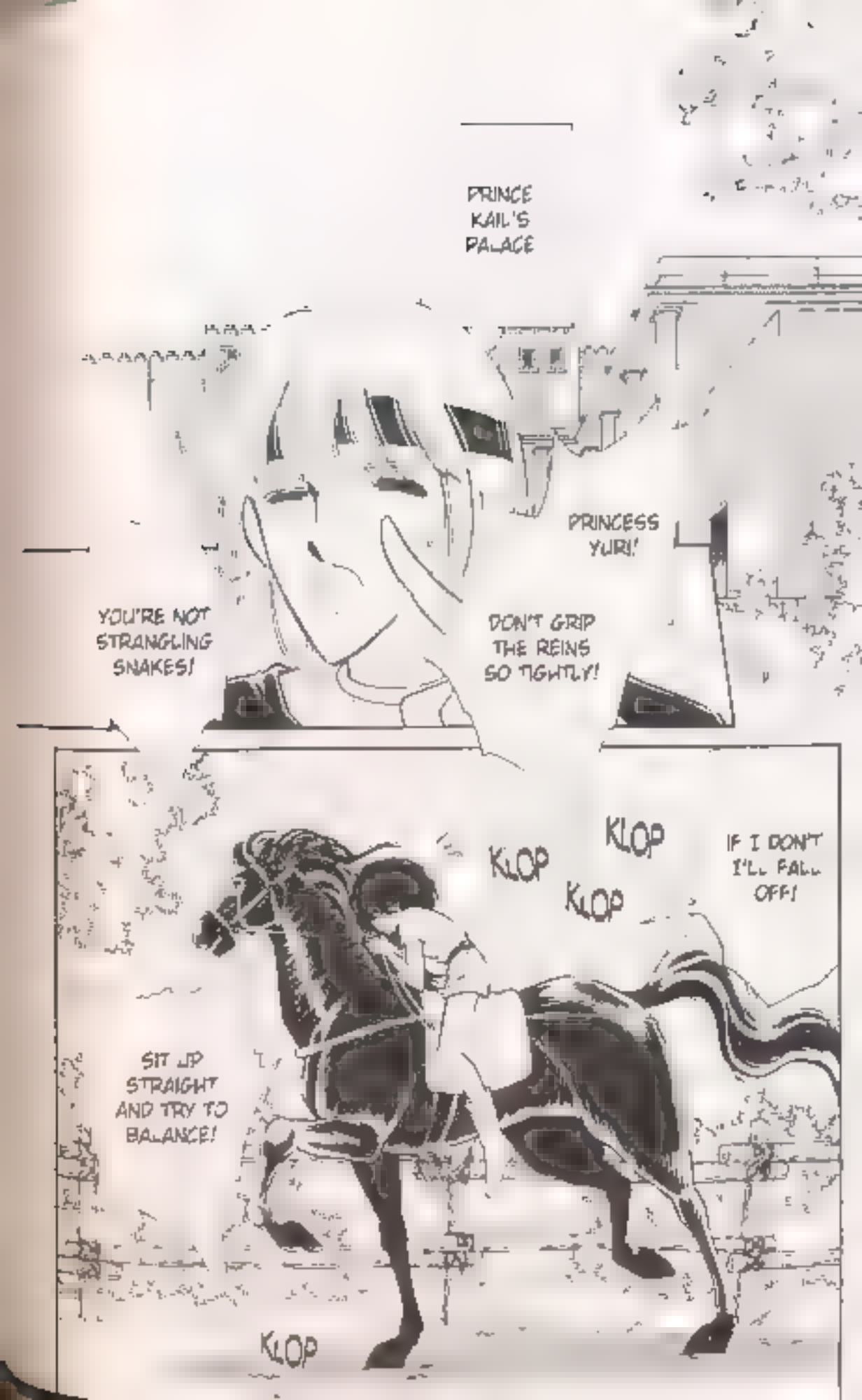
COULD FIND SUCH A REMARKABLE WOMAN.
INDEED ONLY PRINCE KAL.

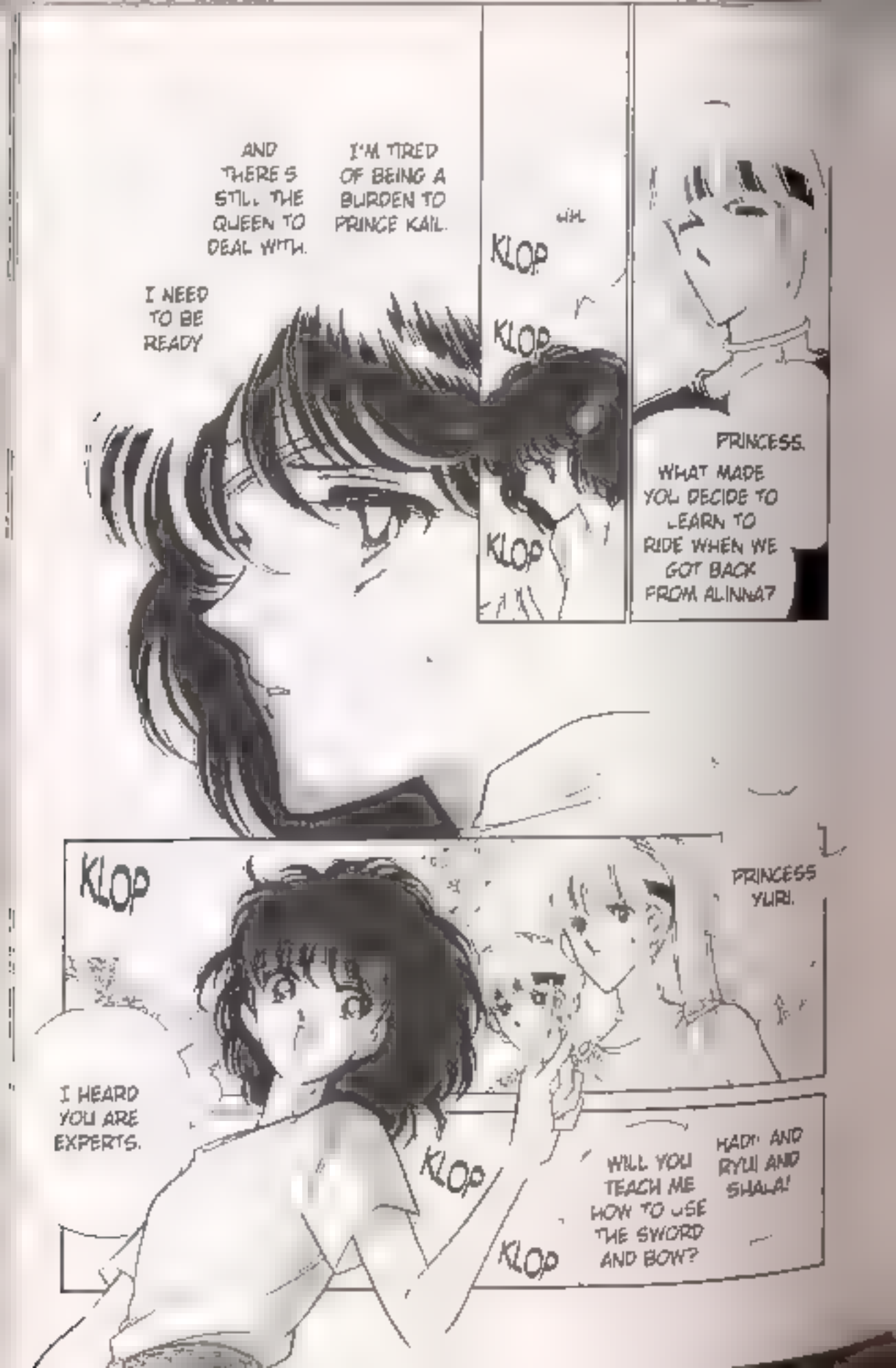
QUEEN NAKIA
THAT'S VERY KIND.
STEP-MOTHER.

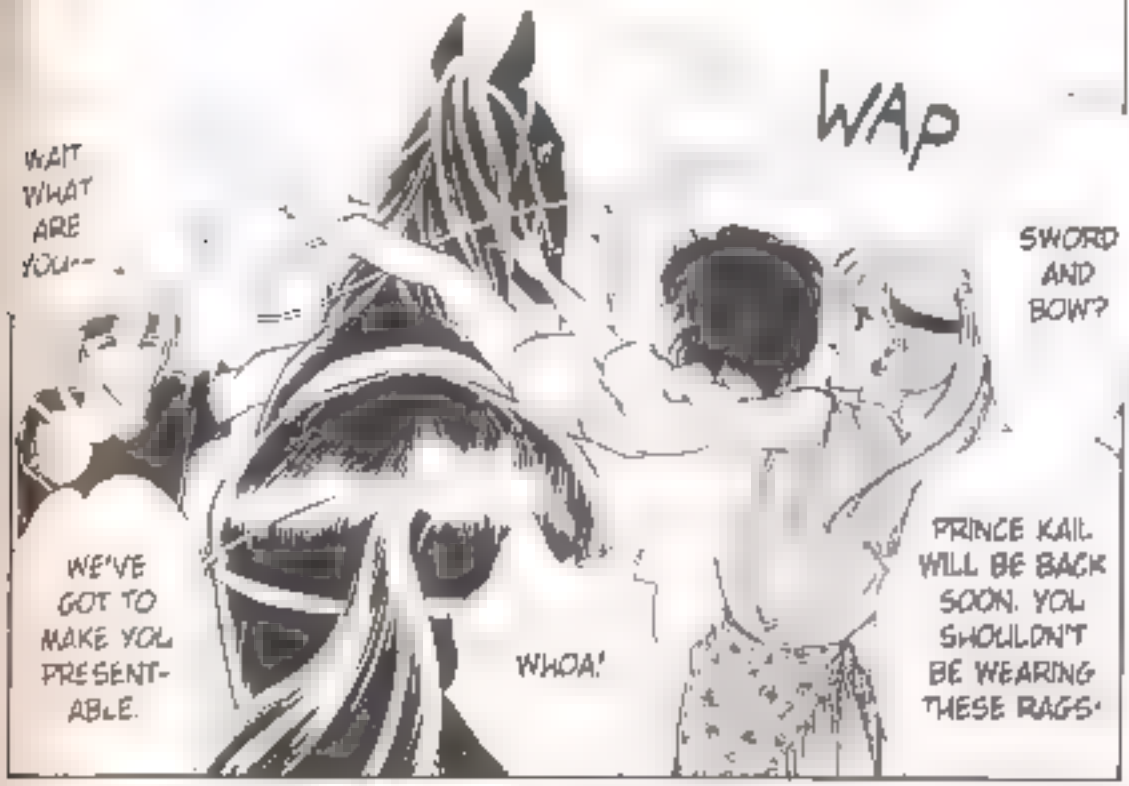
ILBANI.
AREN'T YOU GOING?
I'M A STEWARD, NOT A SOLDIER.
KIKKURU HAVE MY ARMIES PREPARE TO MARCH!
I'LL BE ALONG SHORTLY
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!
EH?
WHY DON'T YOU LIKE ME ILBANI?


FINALLY...
BUT THIS WILL NOT BE LIKE OUR PAST ENCOUNTERS.
THEY MEAN TO CONQUER US
THAT'S WHY I'VE SUMMONED ALL THE PRINCES TO ME.
KAIL, I NEED ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WISDOM.
WE ARE GOING TO FIGHT THE MITANNI.
YES, FATHER.

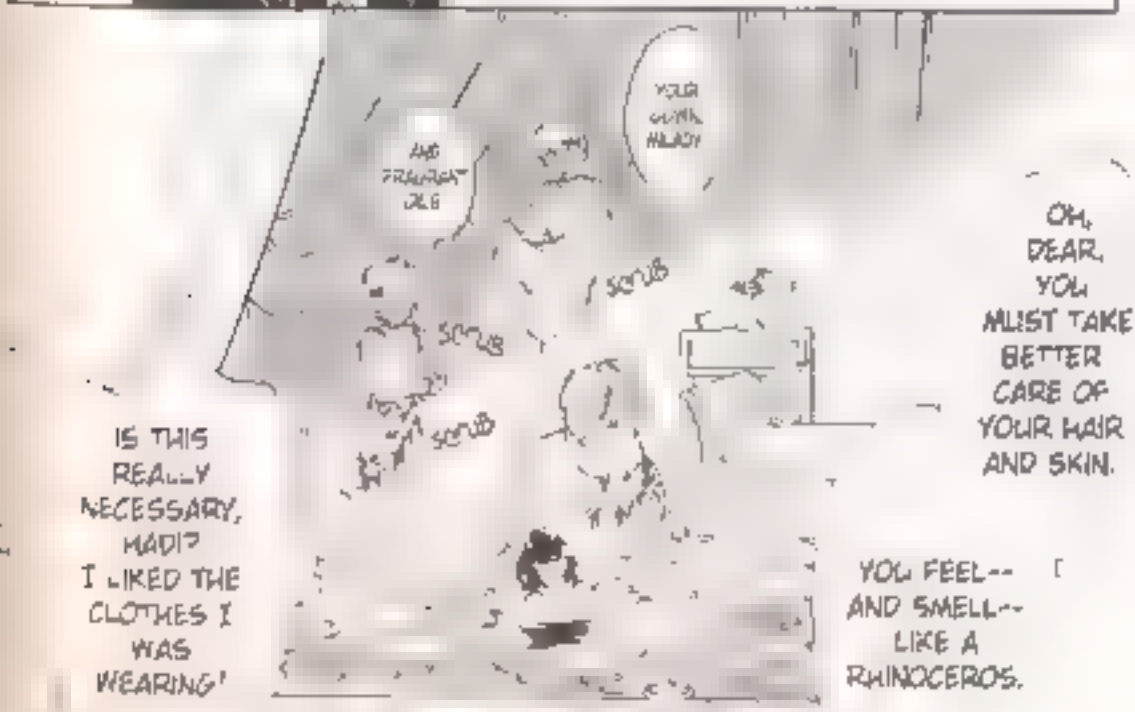

AND. KAIL.
ISHTAR OR NOT HER PRESENCE WILL INSPIRE THE TROOPS.
TAKE YLIRI WITH YOU INTO BATTLE
TAKE HER.
FATHER?

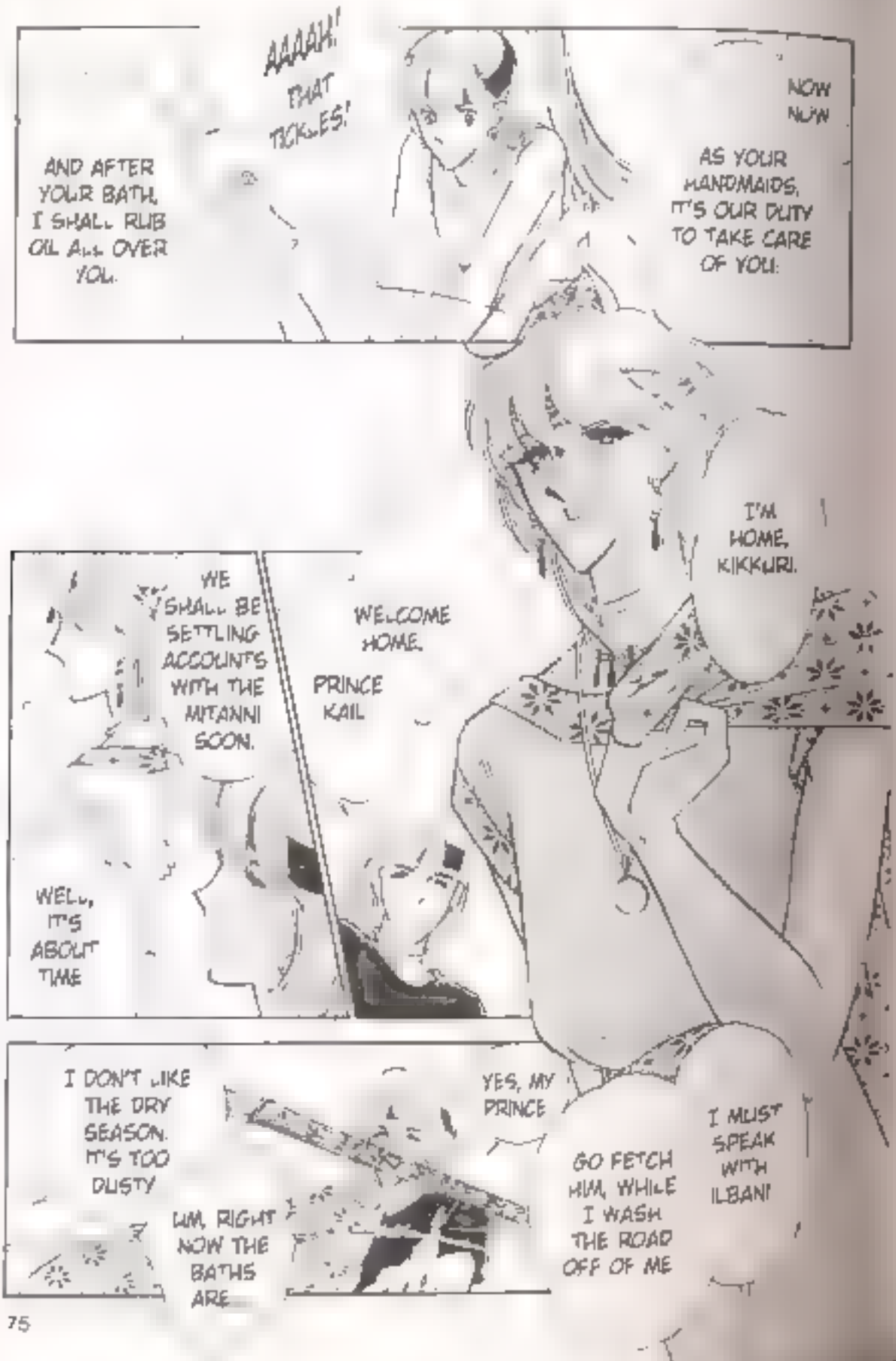

PRINCE KAIL'S PALACE
PRINCESS YURI!
YOU'RE NOT STRANGLING SNAKES!
DON'T GRIP THE REINS SO TIGHTLY!
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
IF I DON'T I'LL FALL OFF!
SIT UP STRAIGHT AND TRY TO BALANCE!
KLOP


AND THERE'S STILL THE QUEEN TO DEAL WITH.
I'M TIRED OF BEING A BURDEN TO PRINCE KAIL.
I NEED TO BE READY
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
PRINCESS.
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO LEARN TO RIDE WHEN WE GOT BACK FROM ALINA?
KLOP
PRINCESS YURI.
I HEARD YOU ARE EXPERTS.
KLOP
KLOP
WILL YOU TEACH ME HOW TO USE THE SWORD AND BOW?
HADY AND RYUI AND SHALA!


WAP
WAIT WHAT ARE YOU--
SWORD AND BOW?
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE YOU PRESENT-ABLE.
WHOA!
PRINCE KAIL WILL BE BACK SOON. YOU SHOULDN'T BE WEARING THESE RAGS.

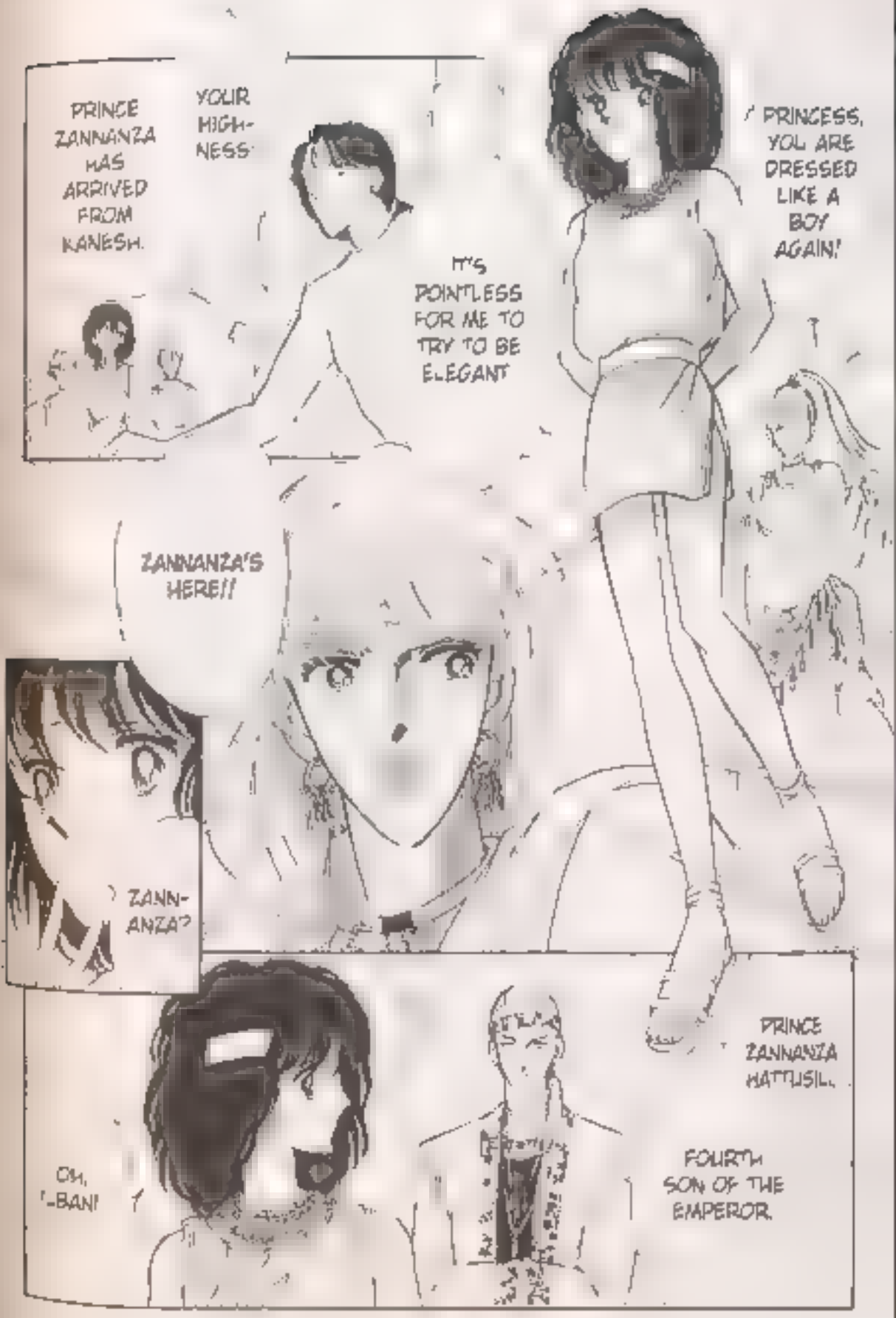
HEY! GIVE ME MY CLOTHES
KYLE AND SHALA: PREPARE A BATH.

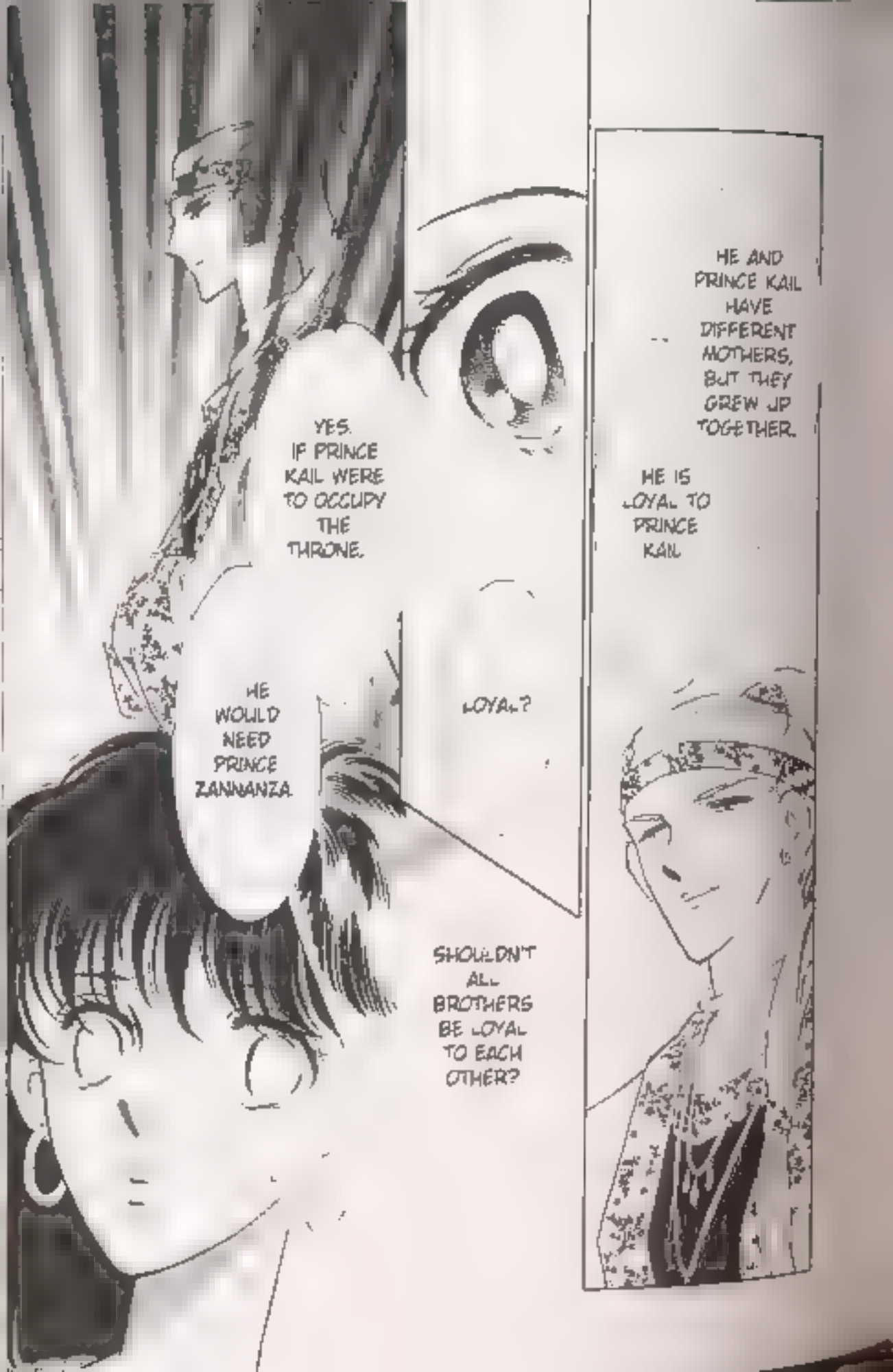

AND FRAGRANT OILS
YOUR WISH, MLADY
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB
OH, DEAR. YOU MUST TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR HAIR AND SKIN.
IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY, MADI? I LIKED THE CLOTHES I WAS WEARING!
YOU FEEL-- AND SMELL-- LIKE A RHINOCEROS.

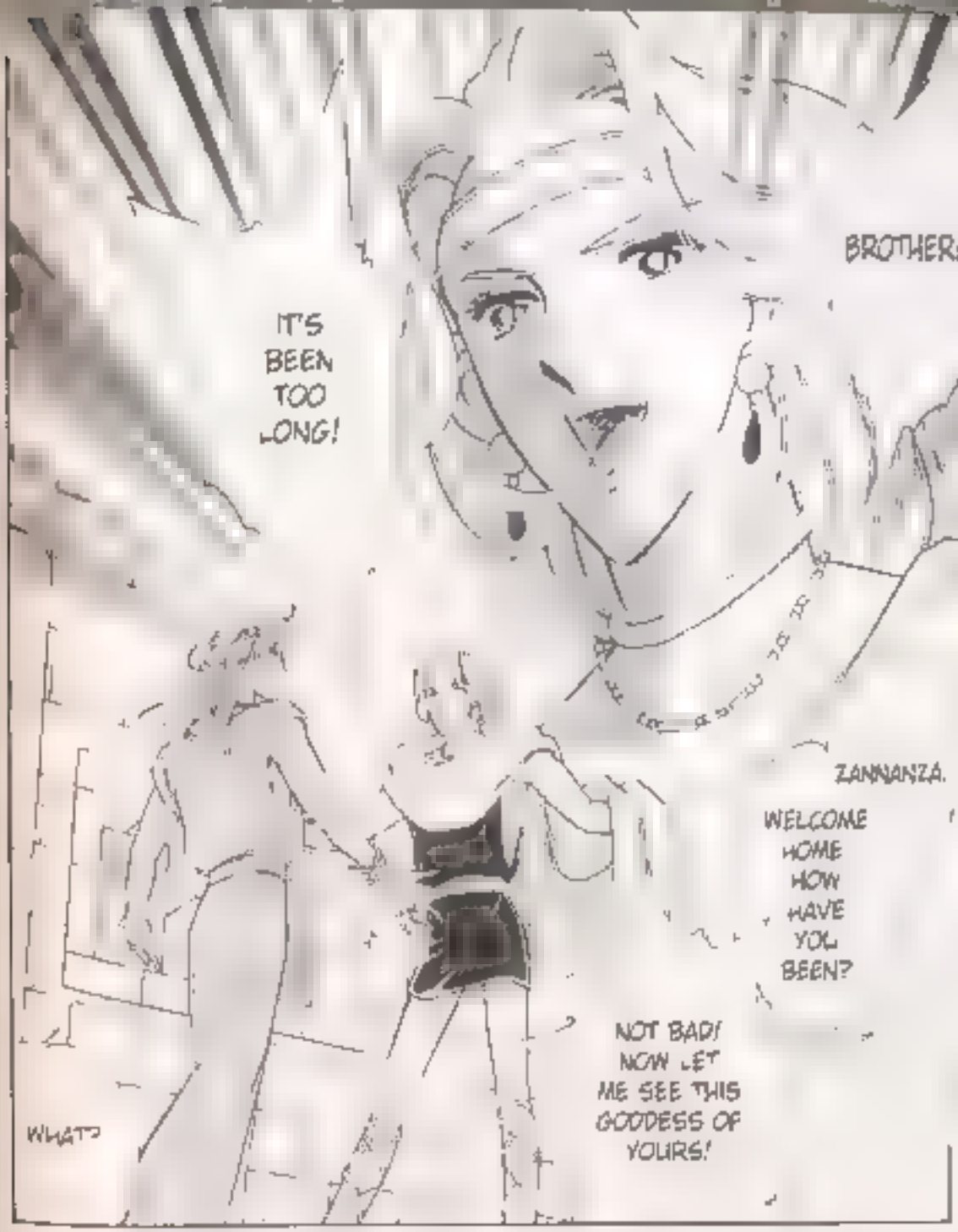

AAAAH! THAT TICKLES!
NOW NOW
AS YOUR HANDMAIDS, IT'S OUR DUTY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!
AND AFTER YOUR BATH, I SHALL RUB OIL ALL OVER YOU.
I'M HOME, KIKKURI.
WELCOME HOME, PRINCE KAIL
WE SHALL BE SETTLING ACCOUNTS WITH THE MITANNI SOON.
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME
I MUST SPEAK WITH ILBANI
GO FETCH HIM, WHILE I WASH THE ROAD OFF OF ME
YES, MY PRINCE
I DON'T LIKE THE DRY SEASON. IT'S TOO DUSTY
UM, RIGHT NOW THE BATHS ARE

DON'T BE SHY YOU SLEEP WITH HIM, DON'T YOU?
THAT WAS RUDE OF YOU, PRINCESS YURI!
SLAP
EEEEK!
GET OUT OF HERE.
OH, PRINCE KAIL WELCOME HOME
YES, I MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO ASSIST YOU.
I SLEEP WITH HIM SURE BUT WE JUST SLEEP
IF I WERE HIS REAL CONCUBINE, I COULD STAY WITH HIM FOREVER.
BUT I'M NOT MAYBE THAT'S WHY I'M SO UPTIGHT
HA
HA
HA

BUT I'M STILL BONY AND BREAST-LESS.
LOVELY. NOW YOUR SKIN FEELS LIKE A BABY'S!
YOUR BREASTS WILL GROW SOON. EVEN FASTER IF YOUR MASTER CARESSES THEM.
ASK PRINCE KAIL TO HELP YOU WITH THIS.
THANKS FOR THE TIP


PRINCE ZANNANZA HAS ARRIVED FROM KANESH.
YOUR HIGH-NESS
IT'S POINTLESS FOR ME TO TRY TO BE ELEGANT
PRINCESS, YOU ARE DRESSED LIKE A BOY AGAIN!
ZANNANZA'S HERE!!
ZANN-ANZA?
OH, I-BAN!
PRINCE ZANNANZA HATTUSIL.
FOURTH SON OF THE EMPEROR.


HE AND PRINCE KAIL HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS, BUT THEY GREW UP TOGETHER.
HE IS LOYAL TO PRINCE KAIL
YES. IF PRINCE KAIL WERE TO OCCUPY THE THRONE.
HE WOULD NEED PRINCE ZANNANZA
LOYAL?
SHOULDN'T ALL BROTHERS BE LOYAL TO EACH OTHER?

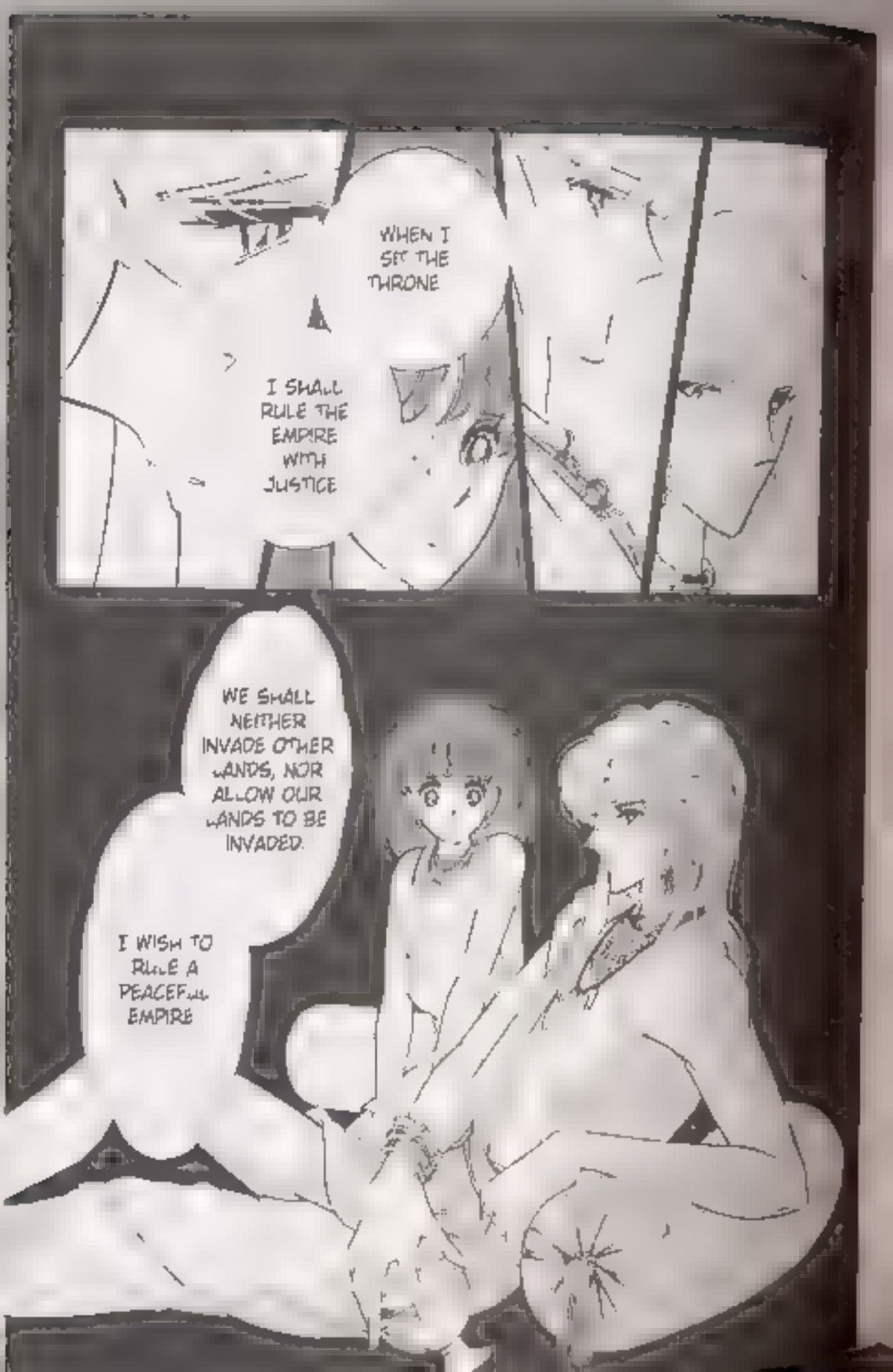

BROTHER!
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG!
ZANNANZA.
WELCOME HOME HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
NOT BAD! NOW LET ME SEE THIS GODDESS OF YOURS!
WHAT?

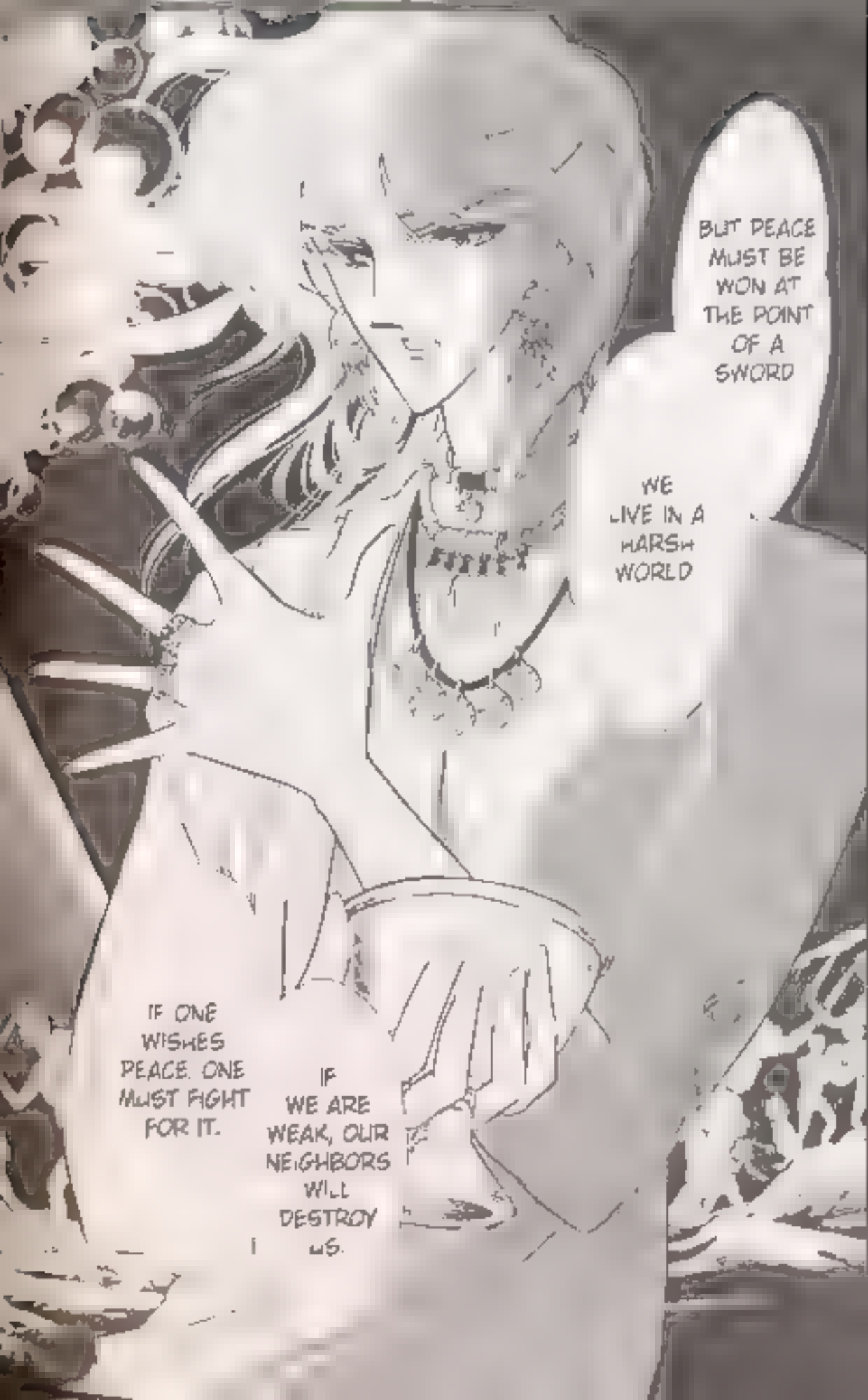
DON'T HIDE HER BRING HER OUT
BEAU-TIFUL?
BEAU-TIFUL?
YOU THINK I RUSHED ALL THE WAY HERE TO TALK OF WAR WITH HAIRY MEN? I CAME TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WHO HAS CAPTURED YOUR HEART!

WHAT? NOT YOU?
SHE'S THE ONE?
YES. SHE IS BEAU-TIFUL
WHAT?
OH, LEAVE ME ALONE.
I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES
THAT IS A GOTHIC?
BROTHER, I NEVER KNEW YOU LIKED BOYS

MY APOLOGIES.
ZANNANZA!
YOUR TASTE IS YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
SHE'S JUST SO DIFFERENT FROM THE WOMEN YOU'VE COURTED IN THE PAST

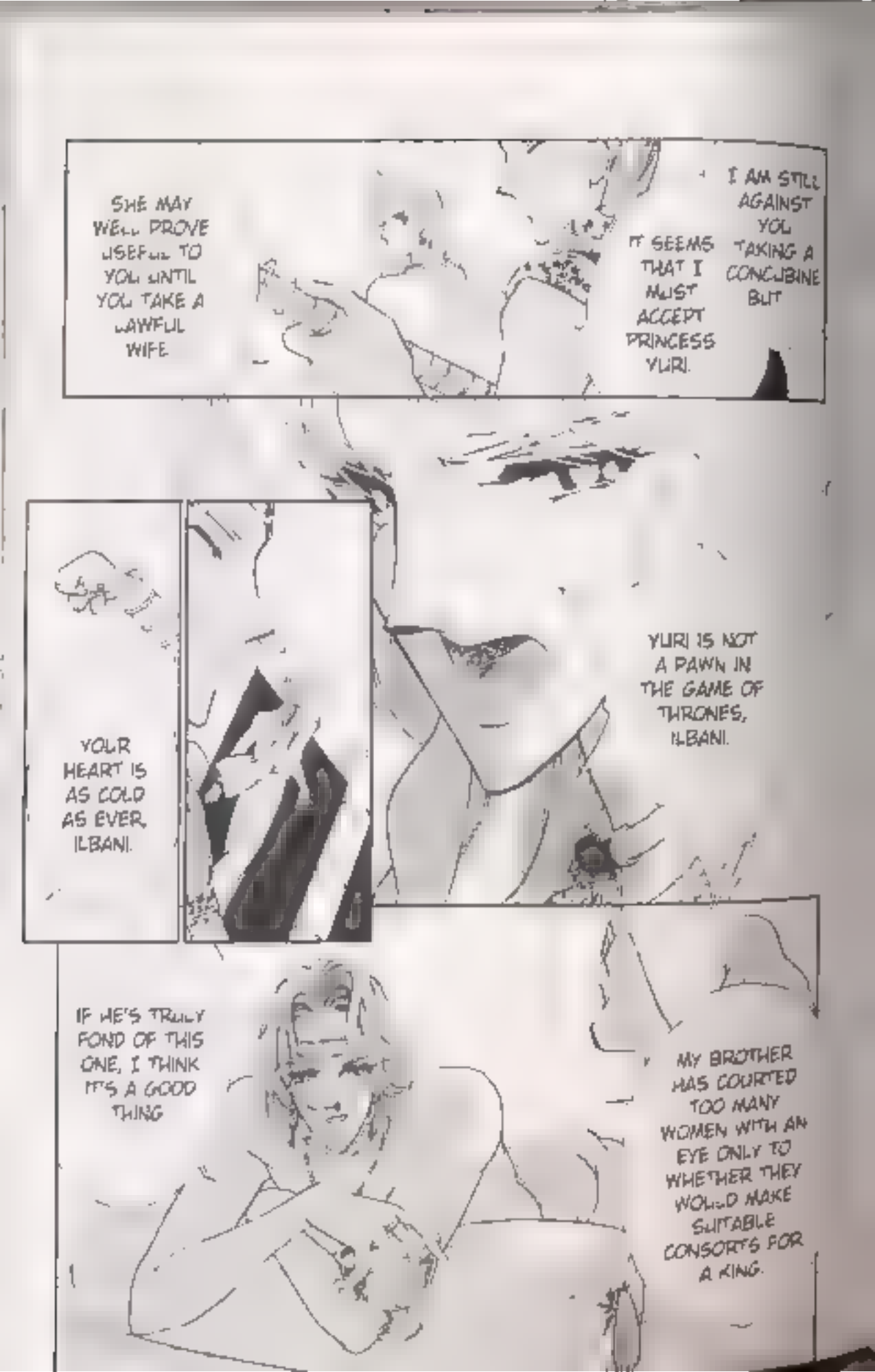
PRINCE KAIL
DO YOU WANT TO RULE THE WORLD?
IF WE LOSE, OUR EMPIRE CRUMBLES
WELL WE MUSTN'T BE OVERCONFIDENT
THIS WAR WILL SPREAD PRINCE KAIL'S FAME ACROSS THE WORLD
IT MUST BE THAT WAY
I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU CHOSE ISHTAR
NOW OUR VICTORY OVER THE MITANNI IS ASSURED
THERE'S NO GREATER GENERAL ALIVE THAN PRINCE KAIL

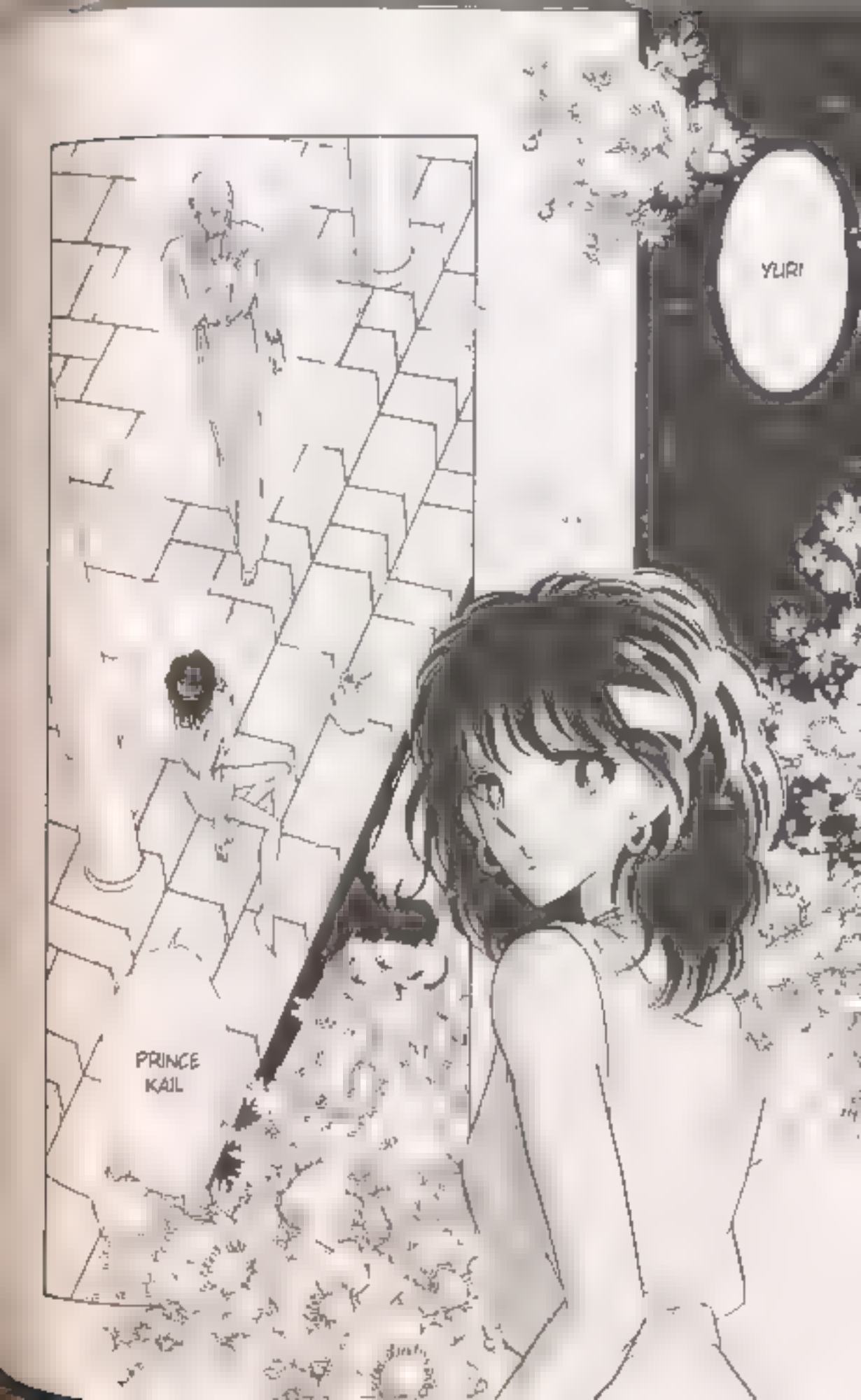

WHEN I SIT THE THRONE
I SHALL RULE THE EMPIRE WITH JUSTICE
WE SHALL NEITHER INVADE OTHER LANDS, NOR ALLOW OUR LANDS TO BE INVADED.
I WISH TO RULE A PEACEFUL EMPIRE


BUT PEACE MUST BE WON AT THE POINT OF A SWORD
WE LIVE IN A HARSH WORLD
IF ONE WISHES PEACE. ONE MUST FIGHT FOR IT.
IF WE ARE WEAK, OUR NEIGHBORS WILL DESTROY US.

KRK
IF NEED BE
I WILL FIGHT
FOR
SUPREMACY.

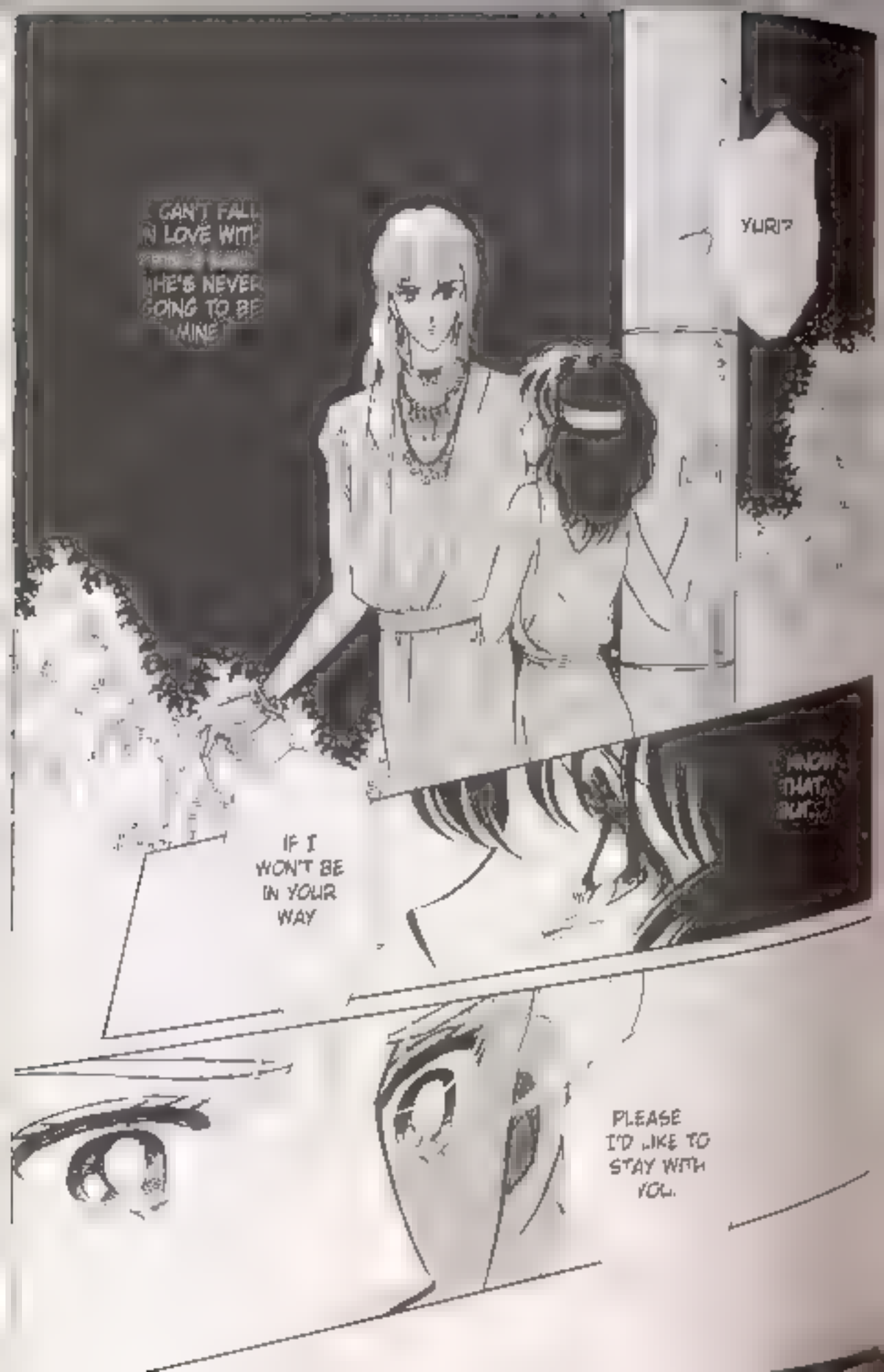
ZANNANZA
LET'S DO IT MY [redacted] SURE TO PREVAIL.
I'LL ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN, BUT I'M NOT THE SOLDIER YOU ARE.
WE'RE OUT OF WINE I'LL GET SOME MORE
YURI?


SHE MAY WELL PROVE USEFUL TO YOU UNTIL YOU TAKE A LAWFUL WIFE
IT SEEMS THAT I MUST ACCEPT PRINCESS YURI.
I AM STILL AGAINST YOU TAKING A CONCUBINE BUT
YOUR HEART IS AS COLD AS EVER, ILBANI.
YURI IS NOT A PAWN IN THE GAME OF THRONES, ILBANI.
IF HE'S TRULY FOND OF THIS ONE, I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING
MY BROTHER HAS COURTED TOO MANY WOMEN WITH AN EYE ONLY TO WHETHER THEY WOULD MAKE SUITABLE CONSORTS FOR A KING.

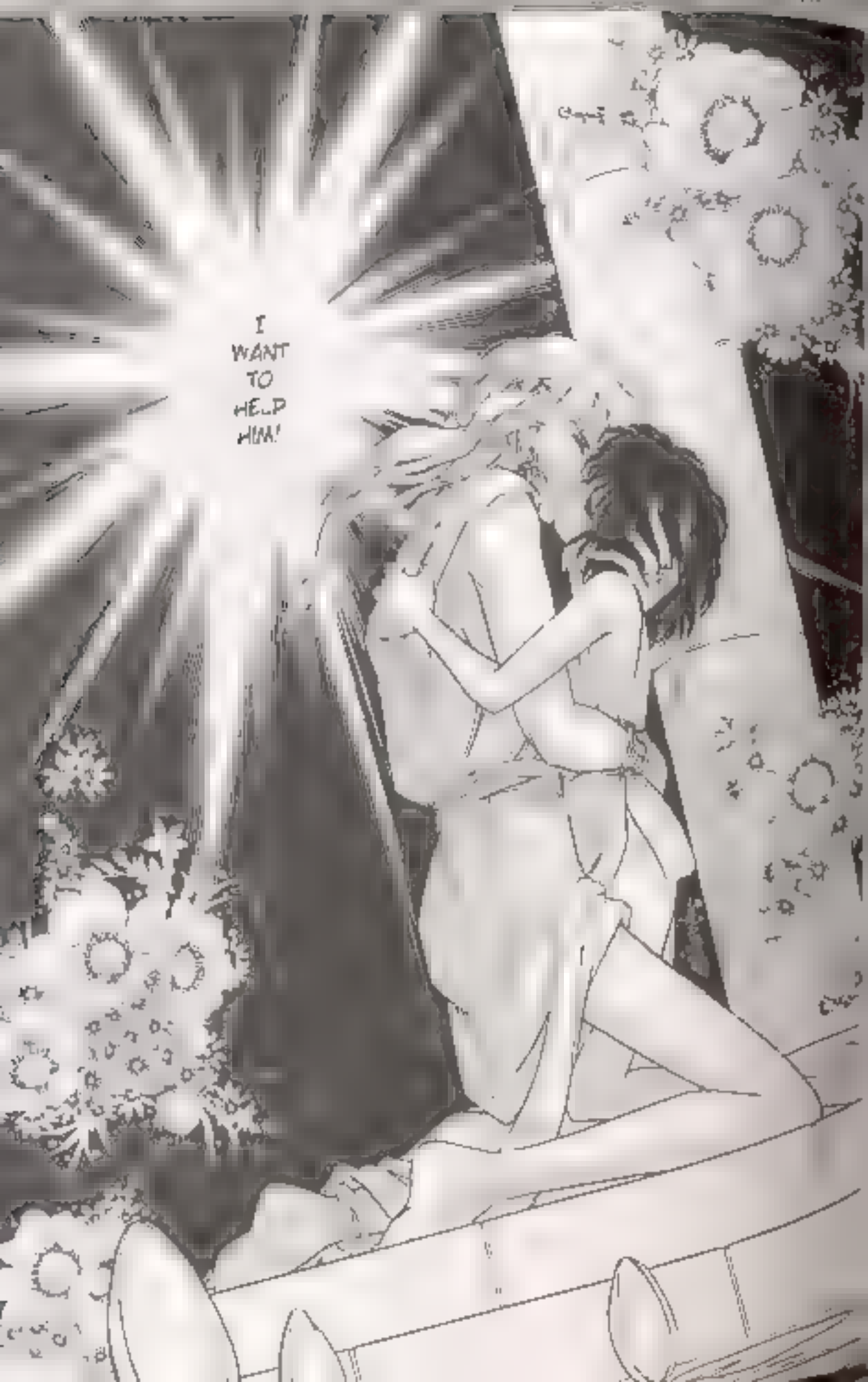

YURI
PRINCE KAIL

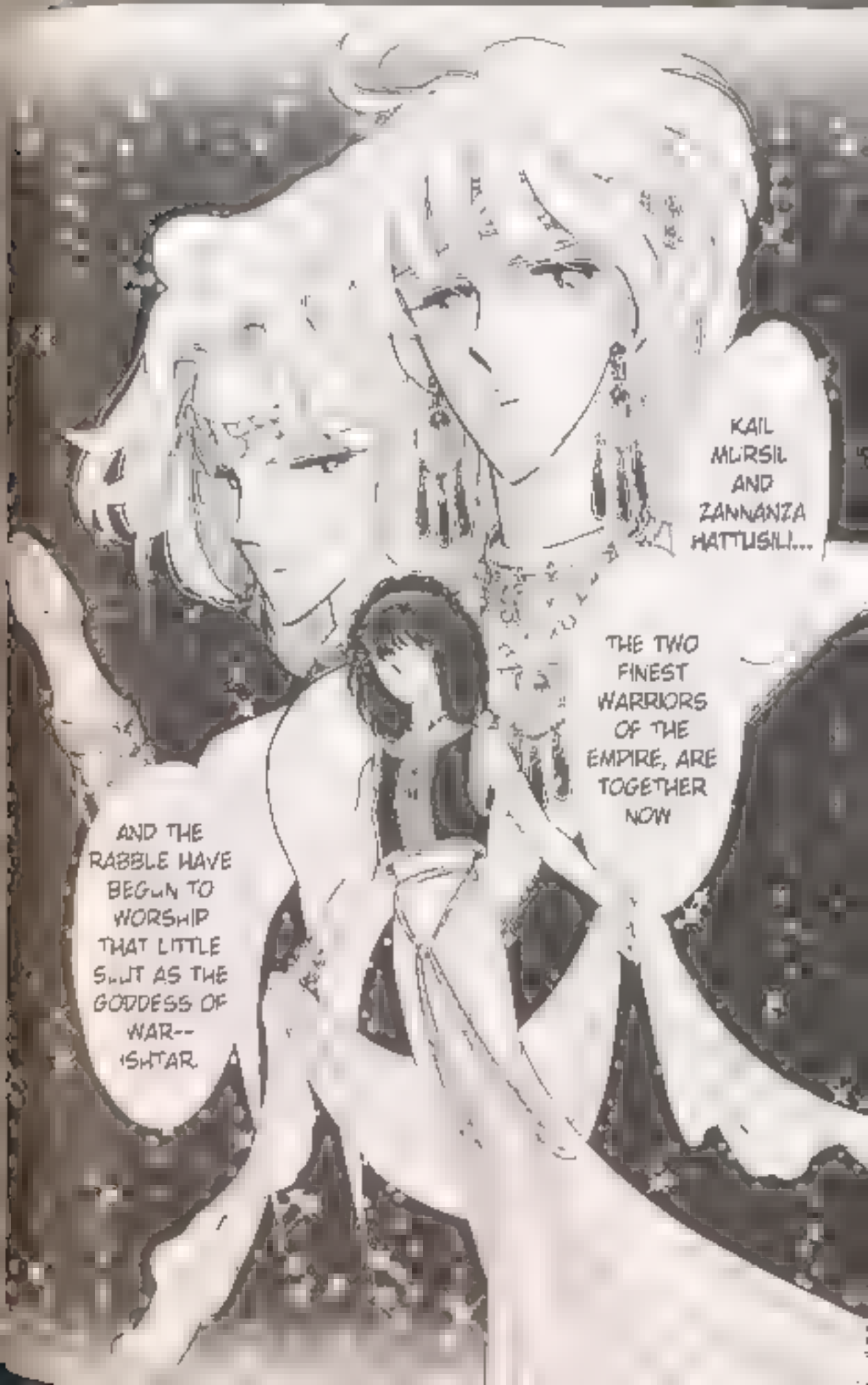
DO YOU WISH TO LIVE APART FROM ME?
IF YOU'D LIKE A PALACE OF YOUR OWN, I CAN HAVE ONE BUILT FOR YOU.
YURI.
OH... THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE HE WILL LIVE WITH
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT
IS THAT YOUR WISH?
IF YOU STAY WITH ME YOU'LL HAVE TO RIDE TO WAR BESIDE ME

CAN I BE HELPFUL TO YOU?
YES, VERY HELPFUL, BUT
THAT ISN'T WHY I SNATCHED YOU FROM THE QUEEN
IF I CAN HELP YOU
THEN KEEP ME BY YOUR SIDE
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT MINE..
YOU'LL BE ENTANGLED IN MY AMBITIONS
I WOULD BE LOSING YOU.


I CAN'T FALL
IN LOVE WITH
HE'S NEVER
GOING TO BE
MINE
YURI?
I KNOW
THAT
BUT...
IF I
WON'T BE
IN YOUR
WAY
PLEASE
I'D LIKE TO
STAY WITH
YOU.

I KNOW THAT'S THE REALITY. BUT I WANT TO BE WITH HIM.
GASP

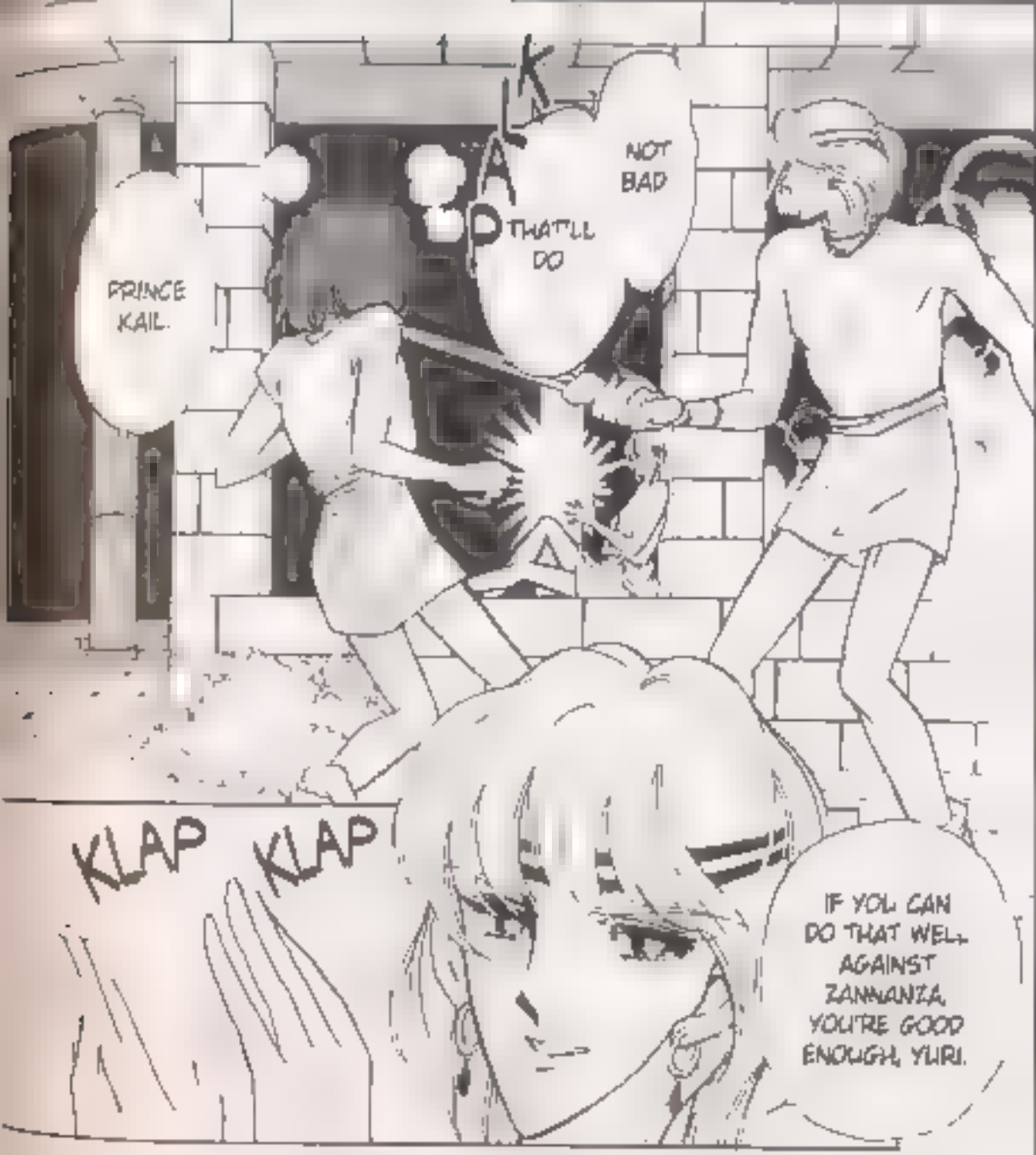

I WANT TO HELP HIM!


KAIL MURSIL AND ZANNANZA HATTUSIL!...
THE TWO FINEST WARRIORS OF THE EMPIRE, ARE TOGETHER NOW
AND THE RABBLE HAVE BEGUN TO WORSHIP THAT LITTLE SLUT AS THE GODDESS OF WAR-- ISHTAR

I CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN!
KL-NK!
THIS IS INTOL-ERABLE!
IF HE PERFORMS HEROICALLY IN THE WAR WITH THE MITANNI, KAIL WILL CERTAINLY INHERIT THE THRONE

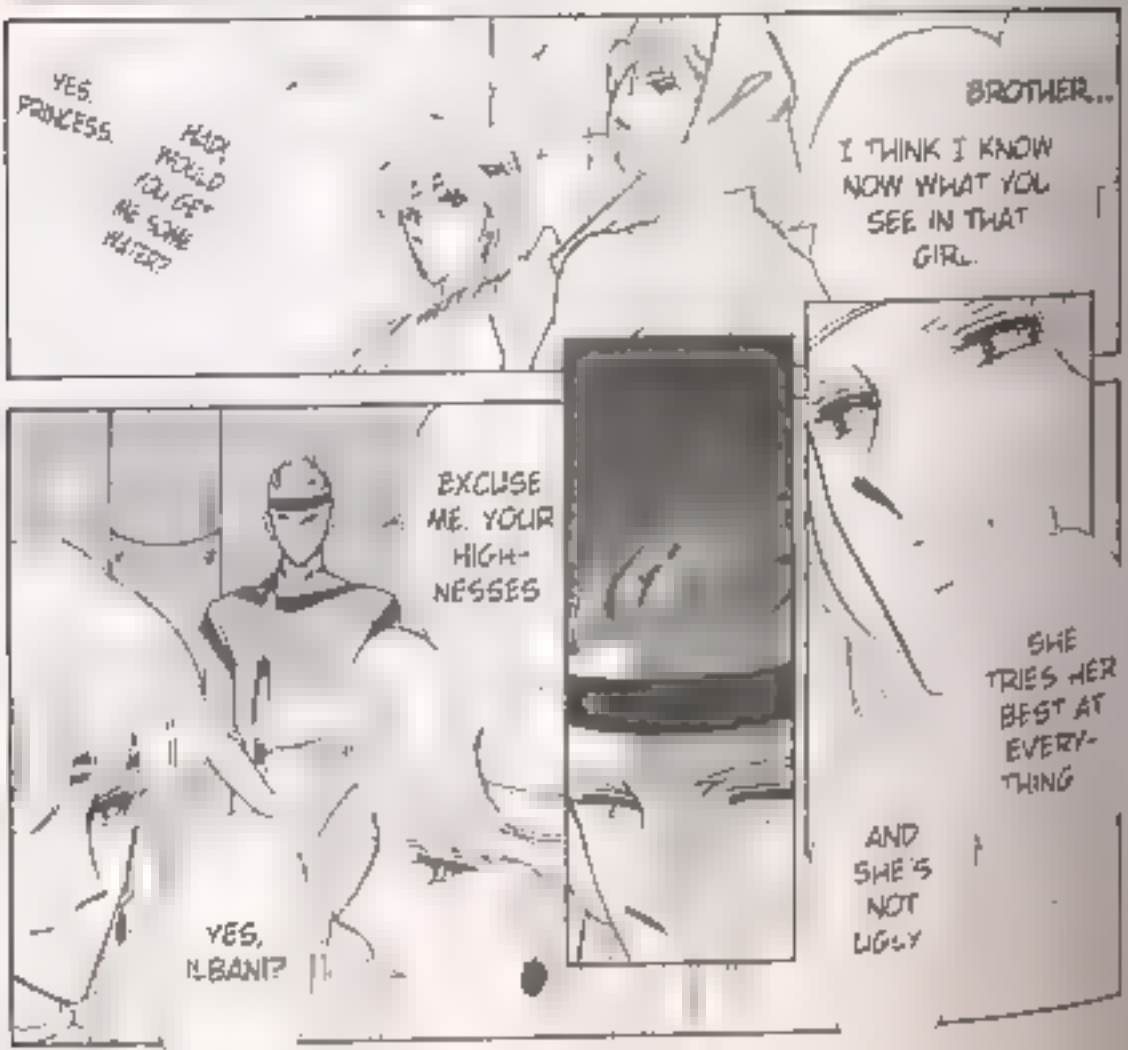
SHEEN
HA!
I'LL GO BACK TO JAPAN NEXT YEAR.
PRINCE KAIL WILL GET MARRIED SOMEDAY
WHOOSH

I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF
SO I'LL KEEP MY EXPECTATIONS LOW
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH PRINCE KAIL ANY MORE THAN I HAVE
OH!


PRINCE KAIL
NOT BAD
THAT'LL DO
KLAP KLAP
IF YOU CAN DO THAT WELL AGAINST ZANNANZIA, YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH, YURI.

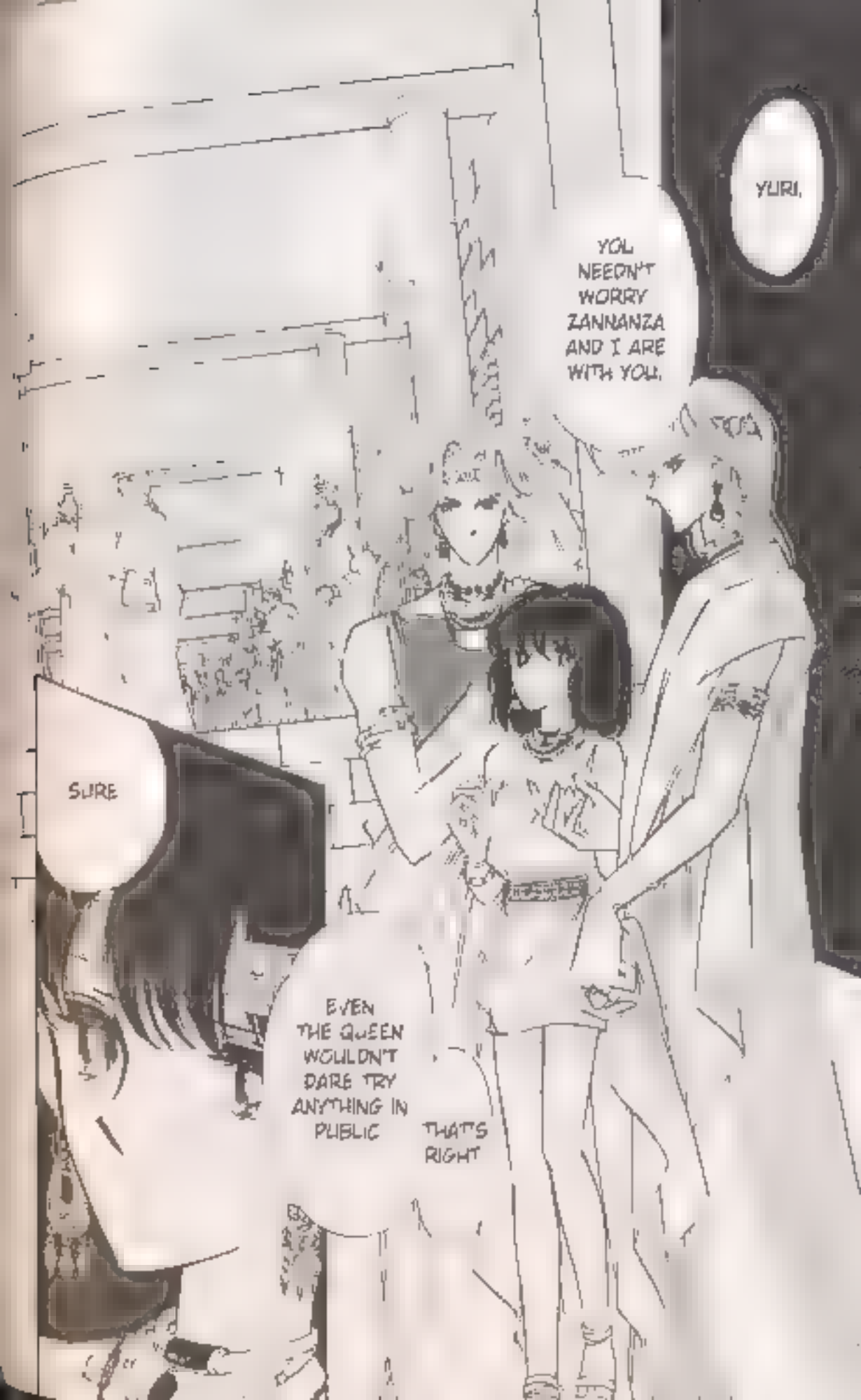
YOU TRULY HAVE A GIFT
TOO BAD YOU'RE A WOMAN
YOU'RE LEARNING QUICKLY PRINCESS YURI WE CAN NO LONGER TEACH YOU ANYTHING

BUT I HATED HISTORY.
I'M GOOD AT GYM-STICS..
huff
huff
huff


YES, PRINCESS.
HADI, WOULD YOU GET ME SOME WATER?
BROTHER...
I THINK I KNOW NOW WHAT YOU SEE IN THAT GIRL.
EXCUSE ME. YOUR HIGH-NESSES
SHE TRIES HER BEST AT EVERY-THING
AND SHE'S NOT UGLY
YES, LBANI?

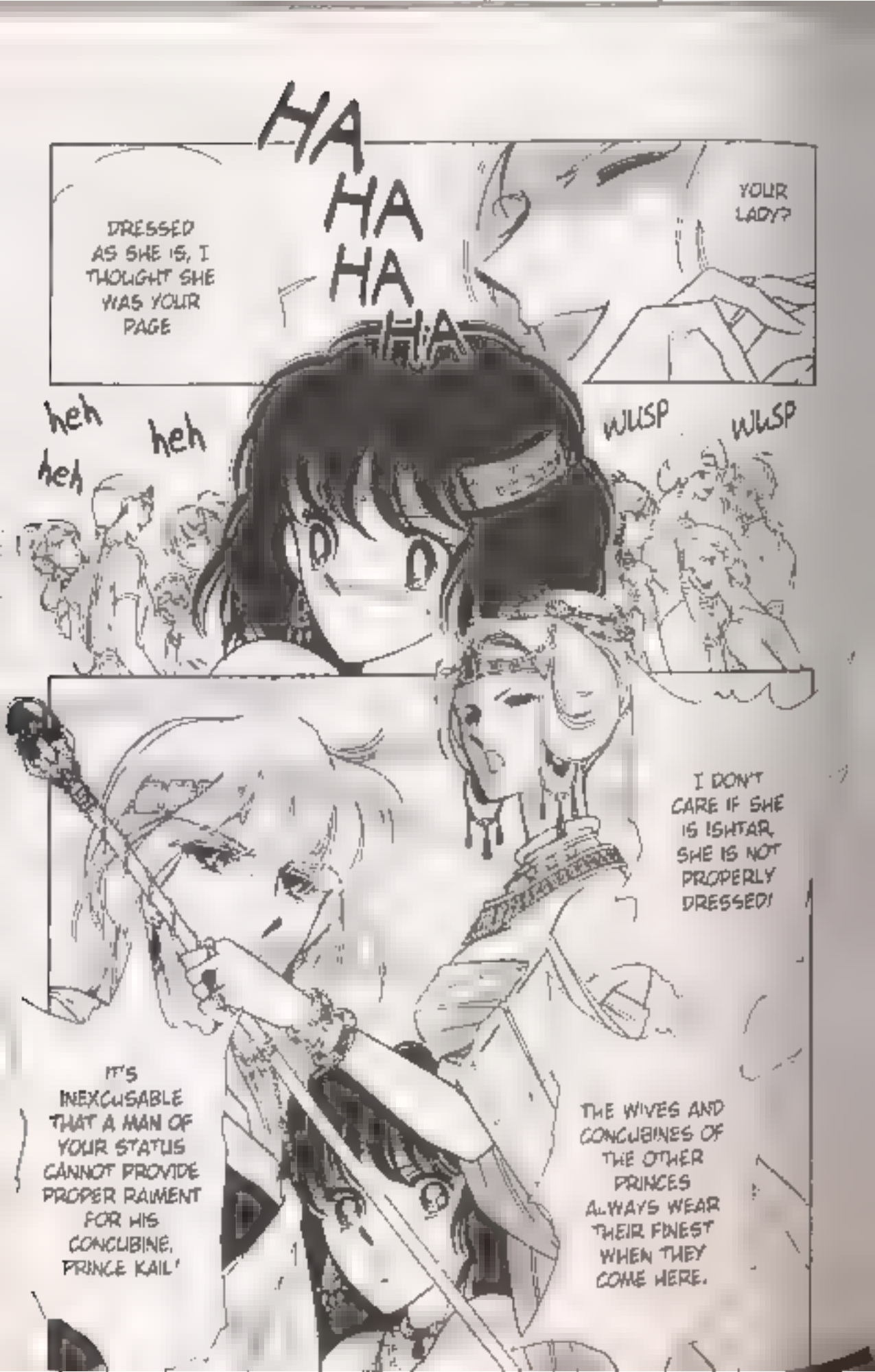
A FEAST?
THE EMPEROR IS HOLDING A FEAST IN YOUR HONOR TONIGHT
TO CELEBRATE THAT YOU AND PRINCE ZANNANZA ARE BOTH HERE. .
BUT I DON'T WANT TO
I'D FEEL OUT OF PLACE AROUND THOSE PEOPLE.
HIS MAJESTY SAID HE ESPECIALLY WANTS TO MEET THE GODDESS OF WAR
YOU MEAN
I HAVE TO GO, TOO?
YES
AND HIS MAJESTY WISHES THAT YOUR CONCUBINE ACCOMPANY YOU.
QUEEN NAKIA SUGGESTED THAT YOU BRING YURI WITH YOU.
PRINCE KAIL
BE CAREFUL

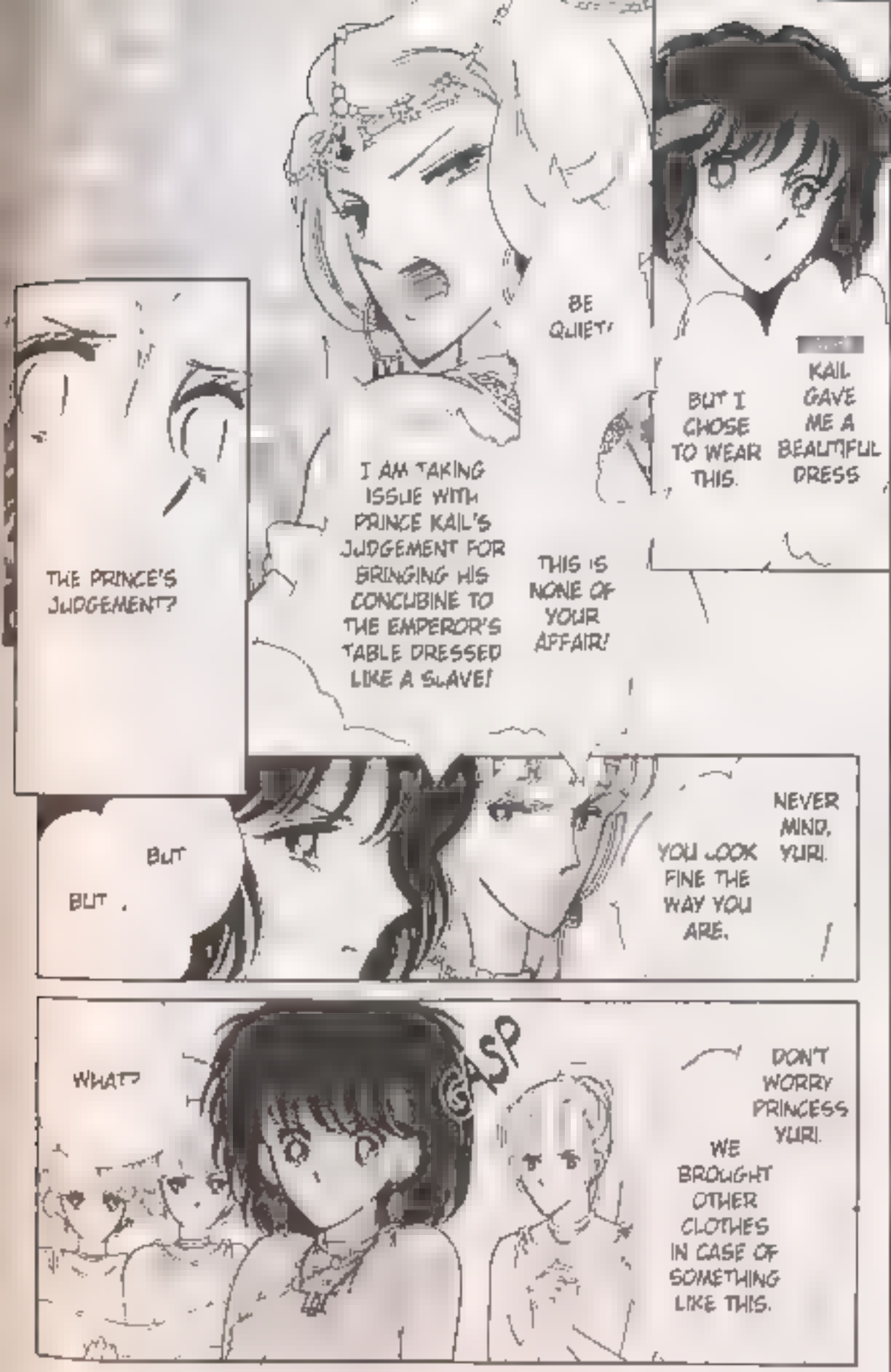
THE QUEEN
IS PLOTTING AWAY AGAIN.
GASP

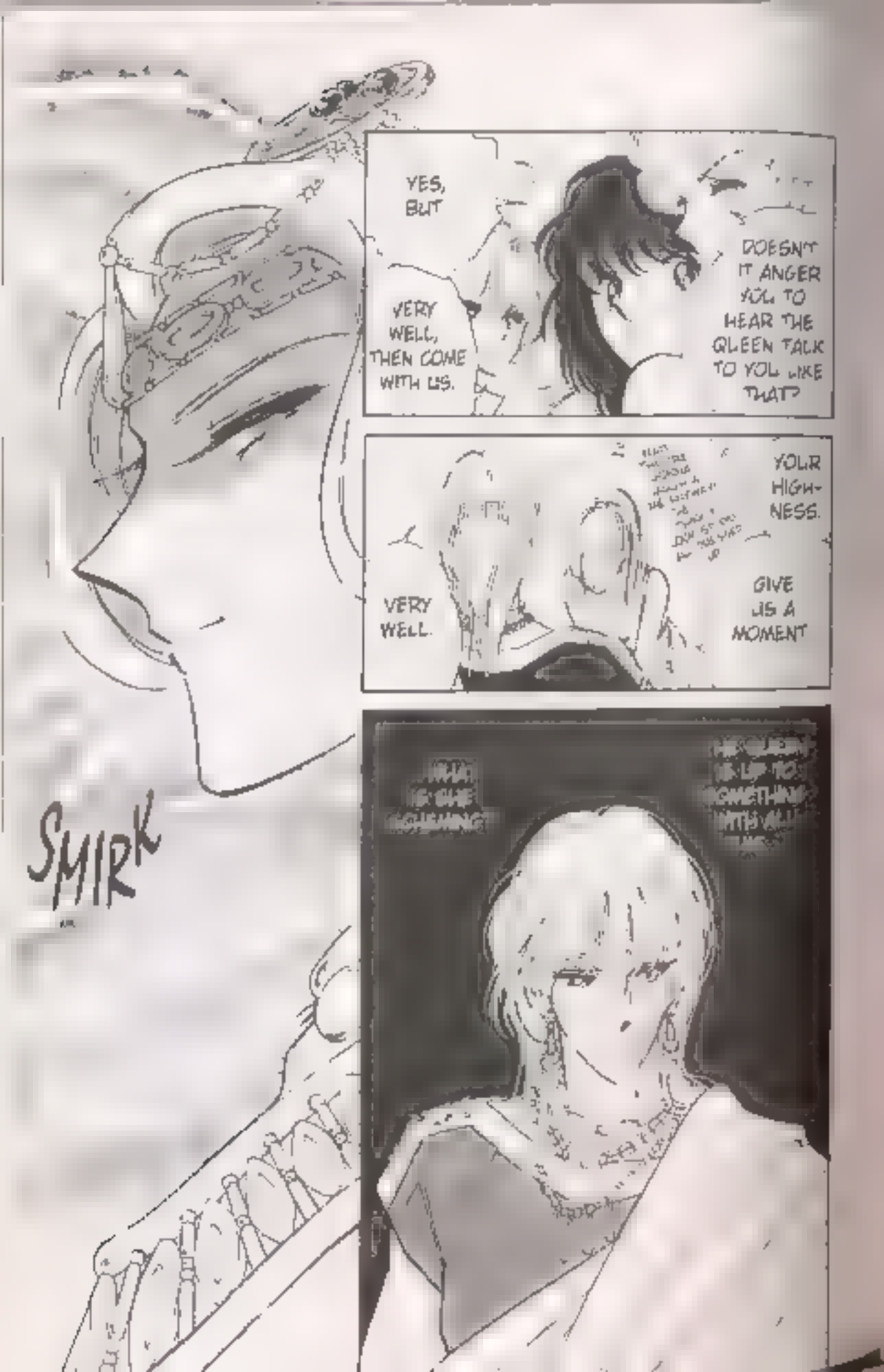

YURI.
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ZANNANZA AND I ARE WITH YOU.
SURE
EVEN THE QUEEN WOULDN'T DARE TRY ANYTHING IN PUBLIC
THAT'S RIGHT

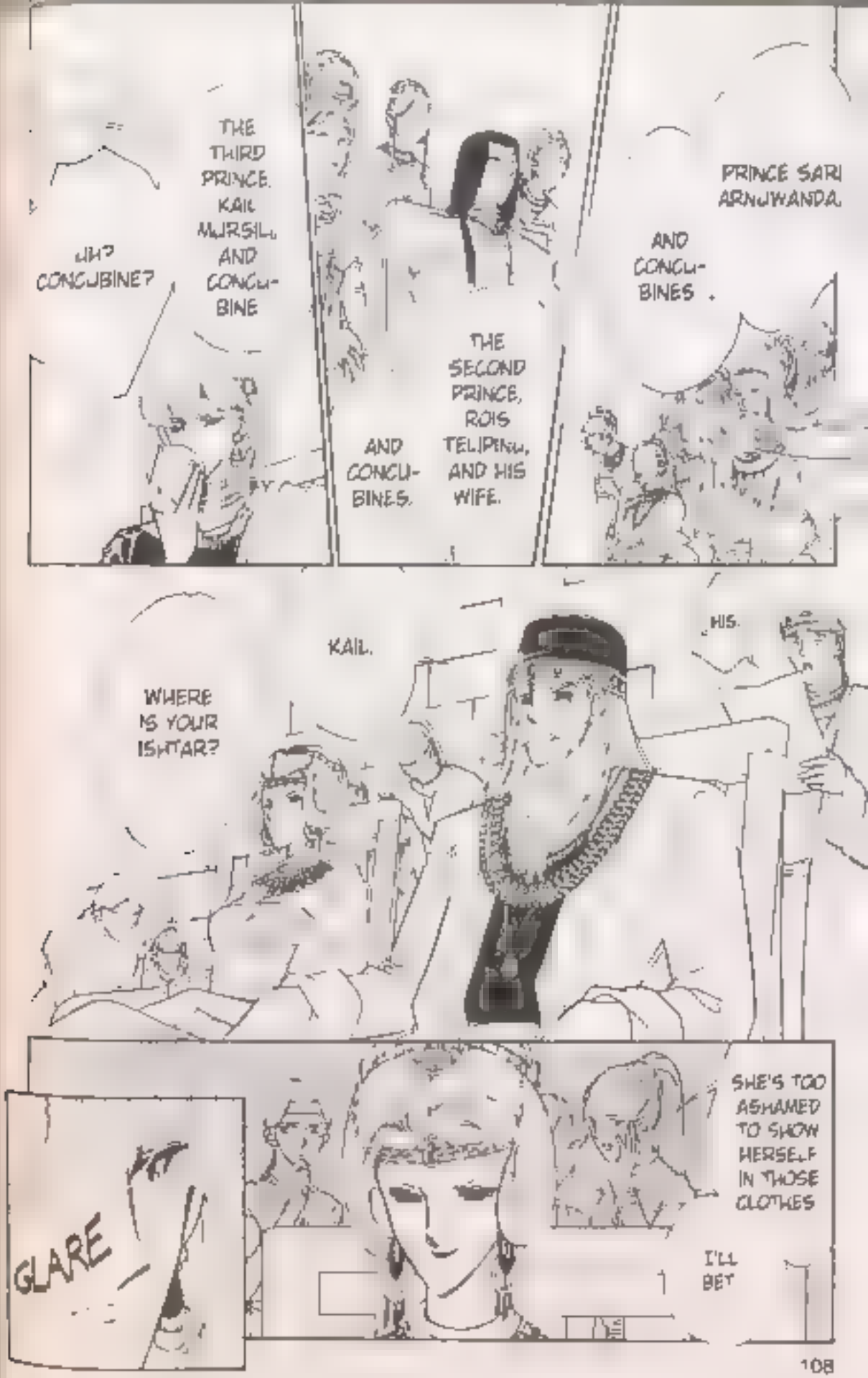
THESE WOMEN ARE ALL SO BEAUTIFUL.
THEY REMIND ME OF TROPICAL FISH.
GIRLY DRESSES DON'T LOOK GOOD ON ME.
CAN'T HELP IT.
WUSP WUSP
SHE LOOKS LIKE A BOY
WHAT IS THAT?
LOOK!
IS THAT PRINCE KAIL S.
WELL, WELL PRINCE KAIL AND PRINCE ZANXANZA.
WELCOME.

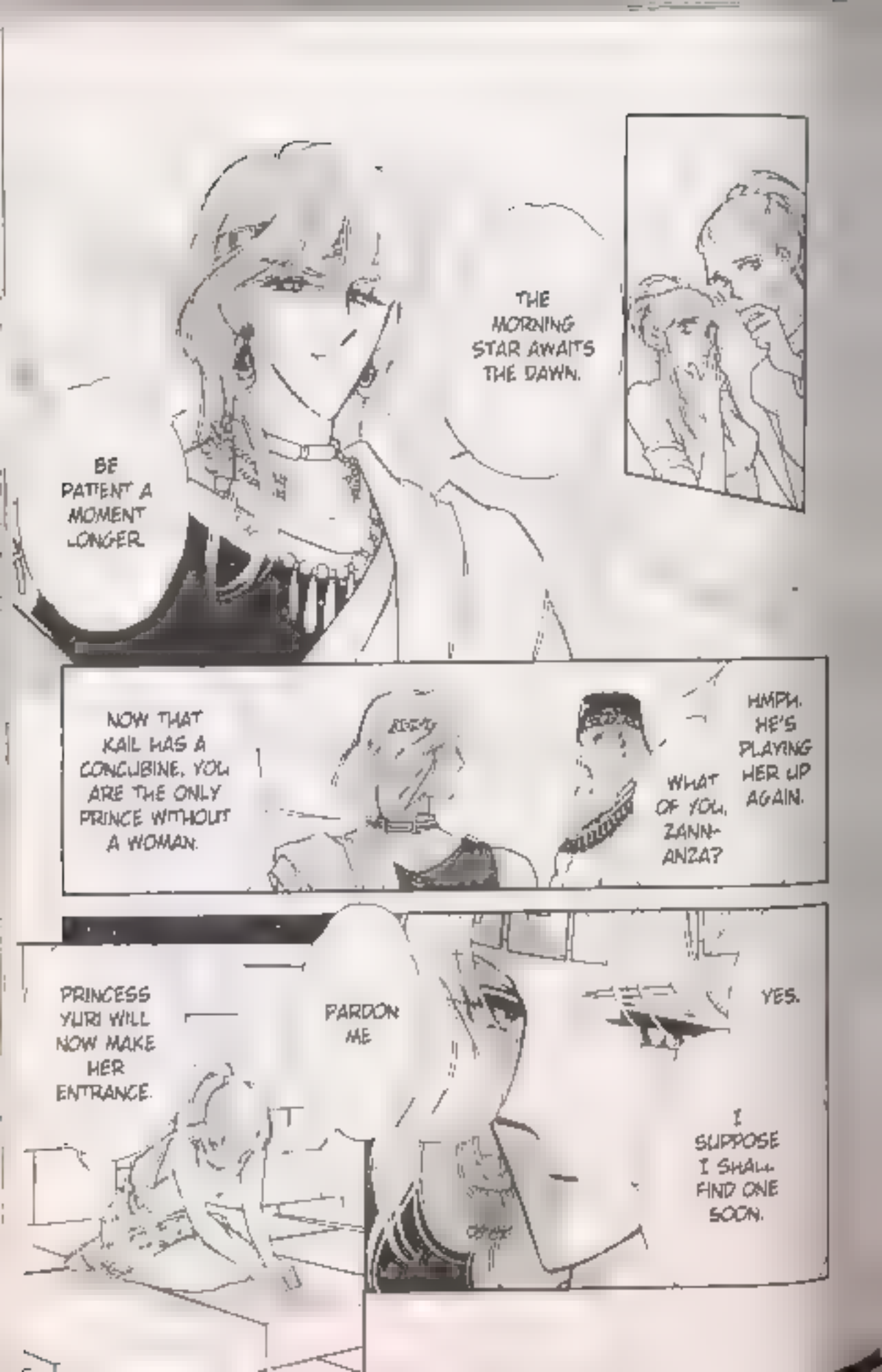
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS TIME?
QUEEN NAKIA'
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
THIS ENTRANCE IS FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY
MY LADY IS ENTITLED TO ENTER HERE
THIS ISN'T THE ENTRANCE FOR YOU.

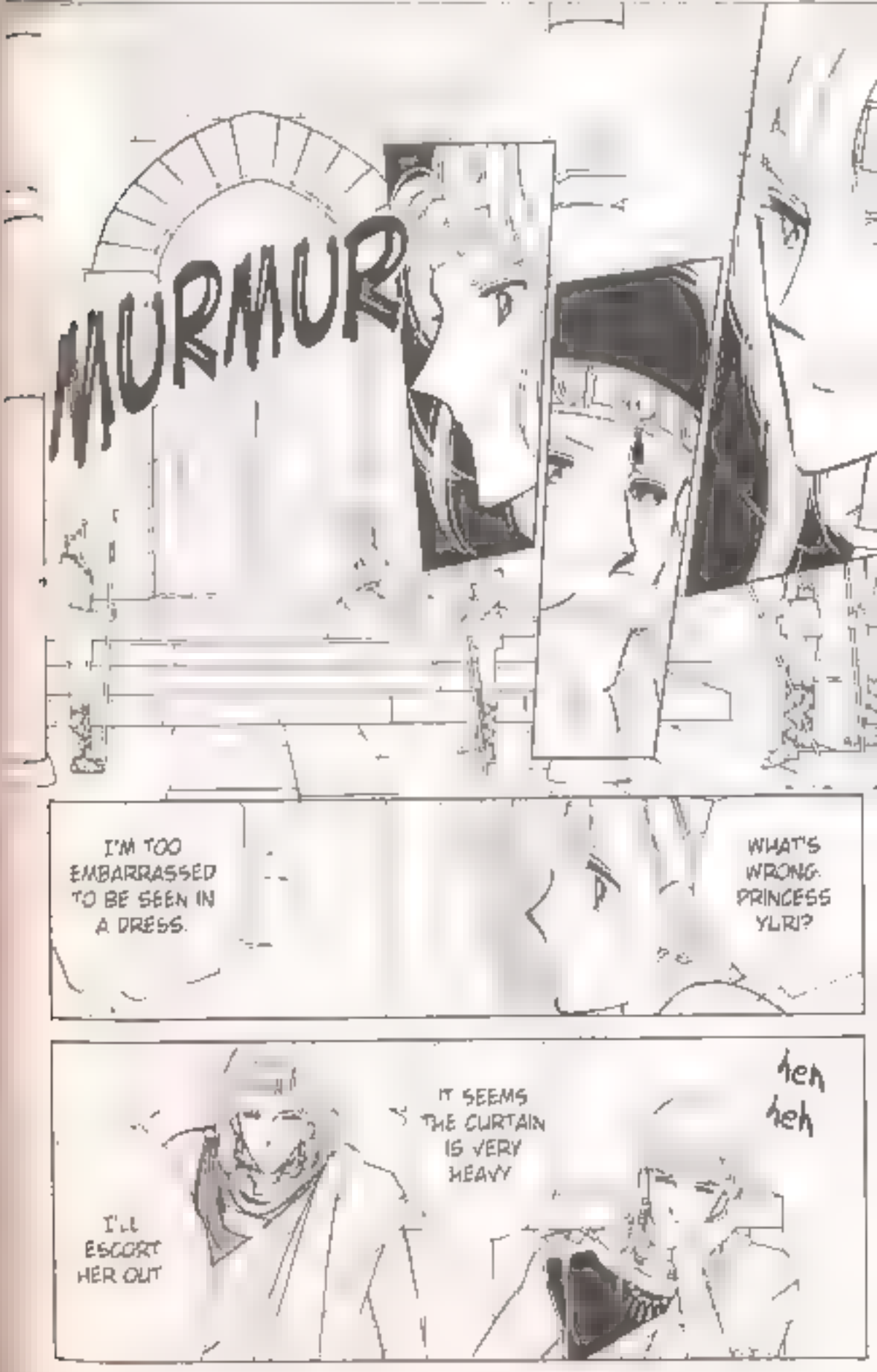

HA HA HA HA
DRESSED AS SHE IS, I THOUGHT SHE WAS YOUR PAGE
YOUR LADY?
heh heh heh
WUSP WUSP
I DON'T CARE IF SHE IS ISHTAR, SHE IS NOT PROPERLY DRESSED!
IT'S INEXCUSABLE THAT A MAN OF YOUR STATUS CANNOT PROVIDE PROPER RAIMENT FOR HIS CONCUBINE, PRINCE KAIL!
THE WIVES AND CONCUBINES OF THE OTHER PRINCES ALWAYS WEAR THEIR FINEST WHEN THEY COME HERE.

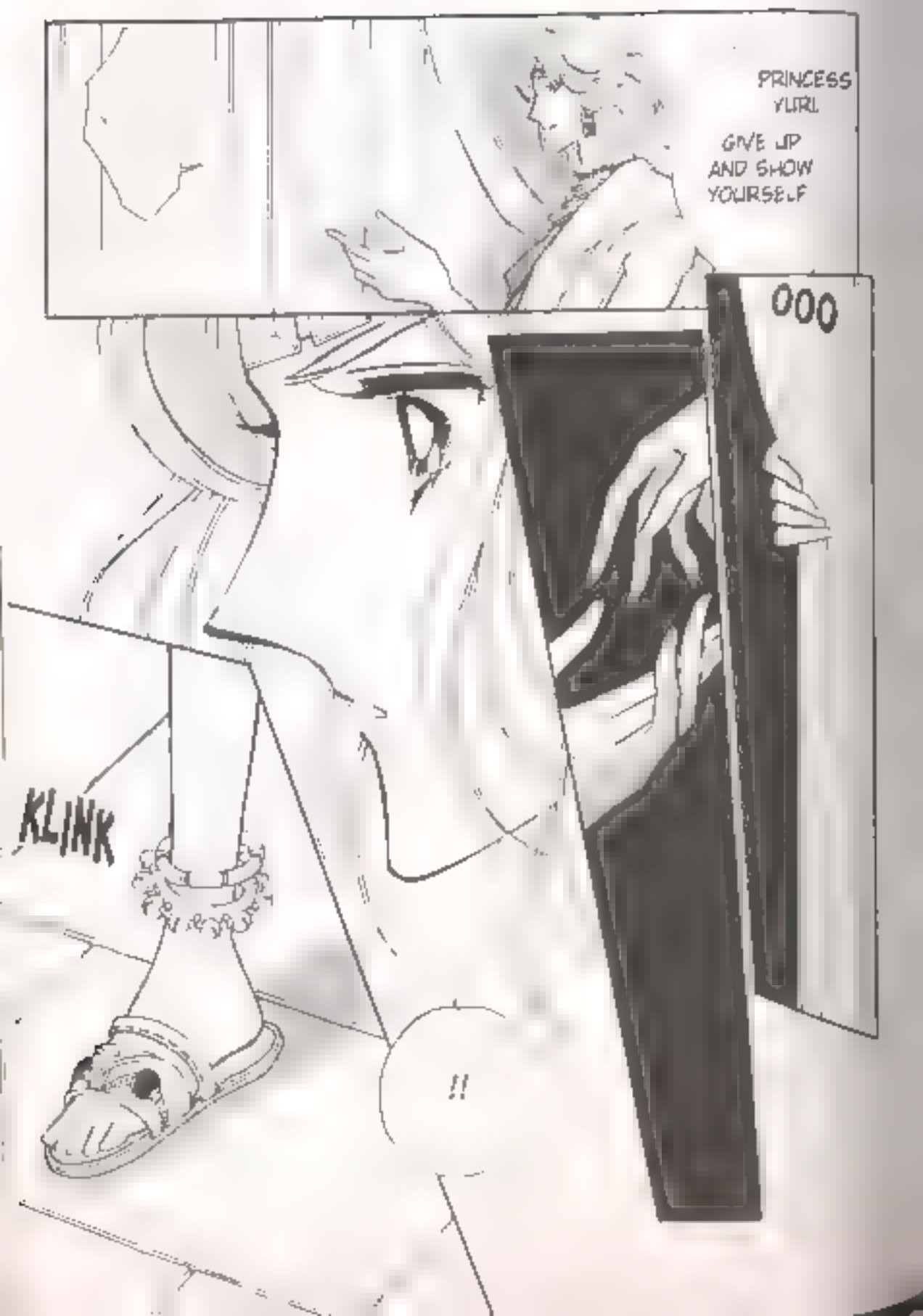

BE QUIET!
BUT I CHOSE TO WEAR THIS.
KAIL GAVE ME A BEAUTIFUL DRESS
I AM TAKING ISSUE WITH PRINCE KAIL'S JUDGEMENT FOR BRINGING HIS CONCUBINE TO THE EMPEROR'S TABLE DRESSED LIKE A SLAVE!
THIS IS NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR!
THE PRINCE'S JUDGEMENT?
BUT
BUT .
NEVER MIND, YURI.
YOU LOOK FINE THE WAY YOU ARE.
WHAT?
ASP
DON'T WORRY PRINCESS YURI.
WE BROUGHT OTHER CLOTHES IN CASE OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS.


YES, BUT
DOESN'T IT ANGER YOU TO HEAR THE QUEEN TALK TO YOU LIKE THAT?
VERY WELL, THEN COME WITH US.
YOUR HIGHNESS.
GIVE US A MOMENT
VERY WELL.
SMIRK


THE THIRD PRINCE, KAIL MURSIL, AND CONCUBINE
HIS CONCUBINE?
THE SECOND PRINCE, ROIS TELIPINU, AND HIS WIFE.
AND CONCUBINES.
PRINCE SARI ARNUWANDA
AND CONCUBINES.
KAIL.
HIS.
WHERE IS YOUR ISHTAR?
SHE'S TOO ASHAMED TO SHOW HERSELF IN THOSE CLOTHES
I'LL BET
GLARE

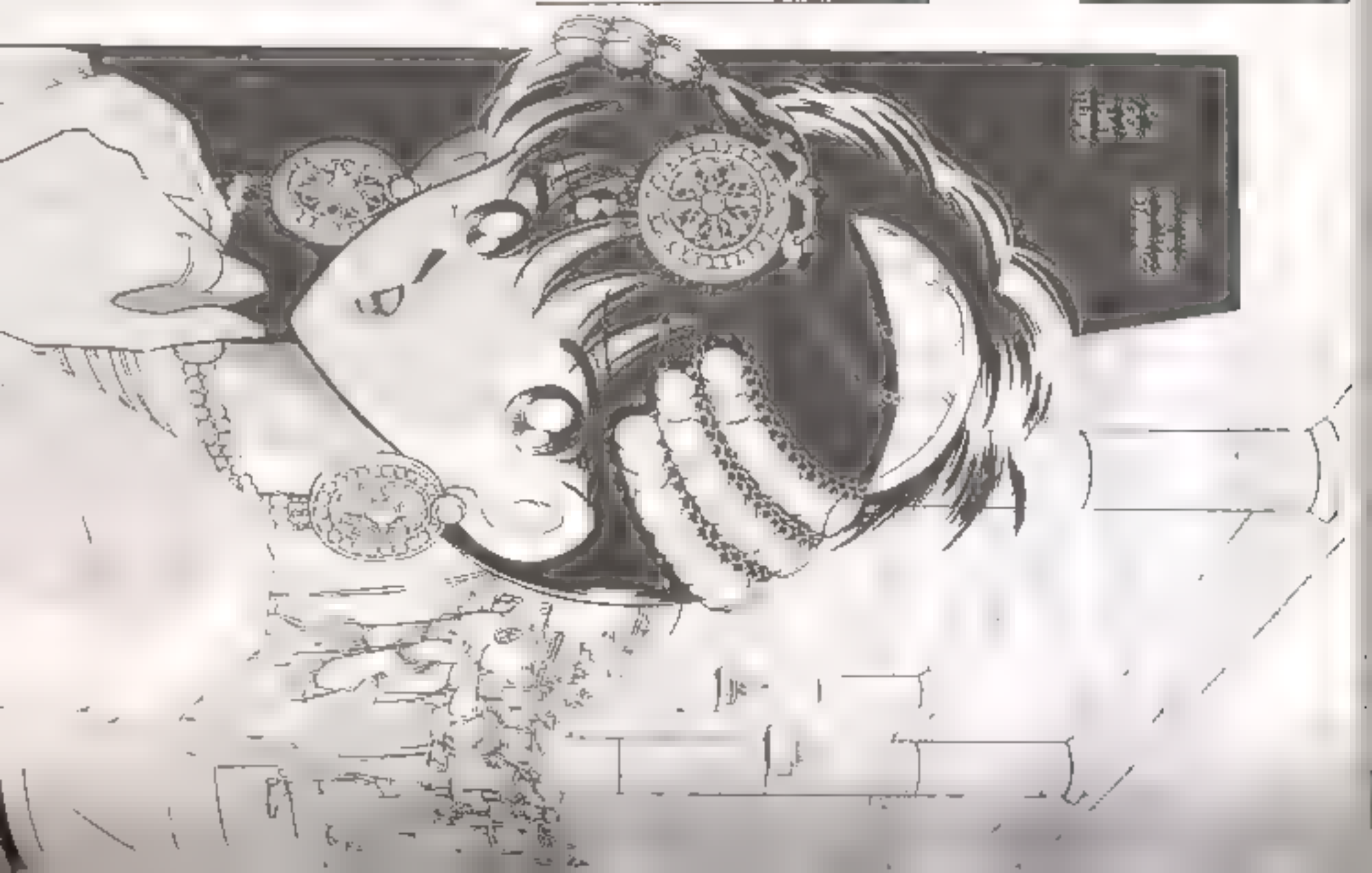

THE MORNING STAR AWAITS THE DAWN.
BE PATIENT A MOMENT LONGER.
NOW THAT KAIL HAS A CONCUBINE, YOU ARE THE ONLY PRINCE WITHOUT A WOMAN.
WHAT OF YOU, ZANN-ANZA?
HMPH. HE'S PLAYING HER UP AGAIN.
PRINCESS YURI WILL NOW MAKE HER ENTRANCE.
PARDON ME
YES.
I SUPPOSE I SHALL FIND ONE SOON.


MURMUR
I'M TOO EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN IN A DRESS.
WHAT'S WRONG PRINCESS YURI?
IT SEEMS THE CURTAIN IS VERY HEAVY
heh heh
I'LL ESCORT HER OUT


PRINCESS YURL
GIVE UP AND SHOW YOURSELF
000
KLINK
!!

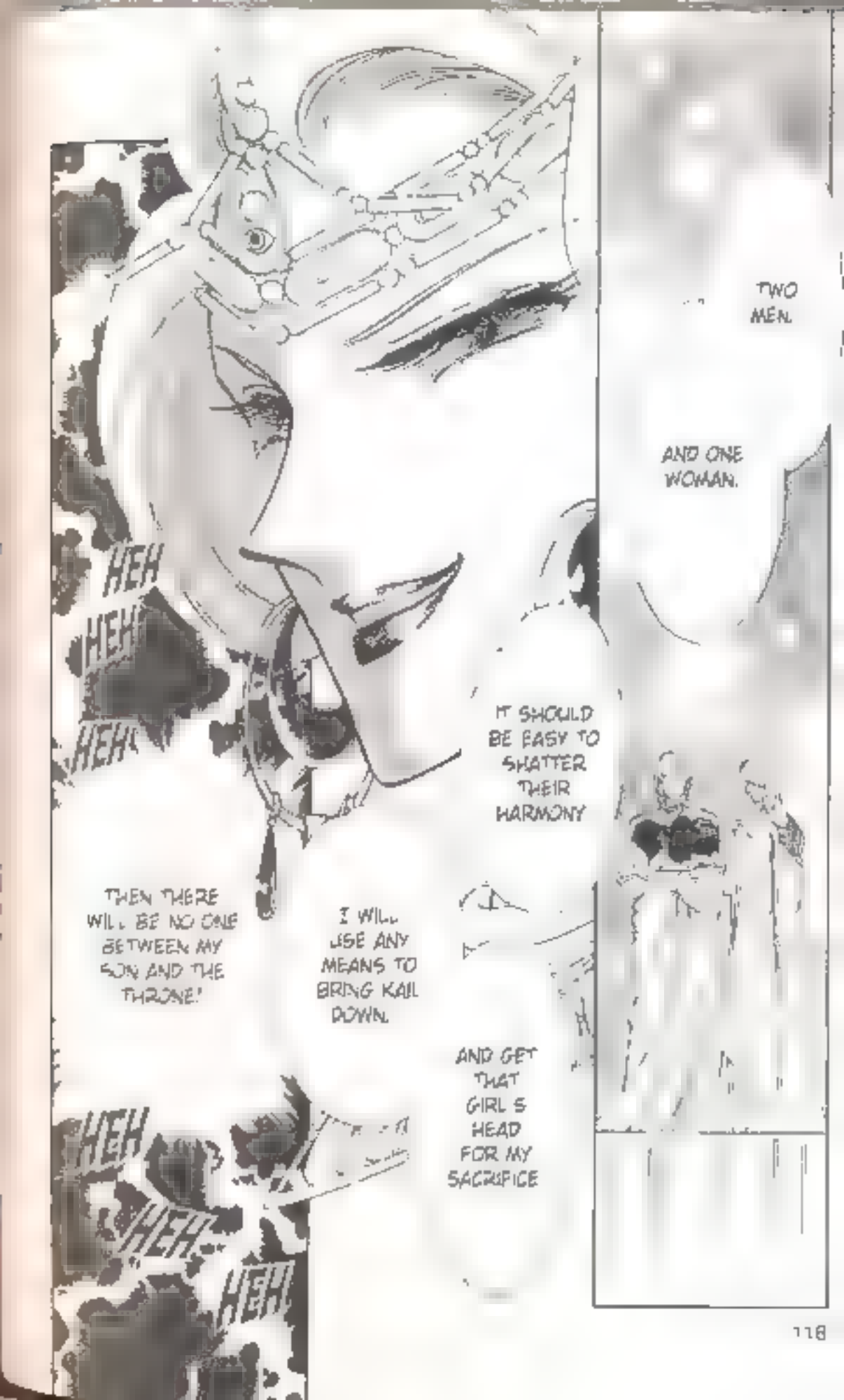
KLINK

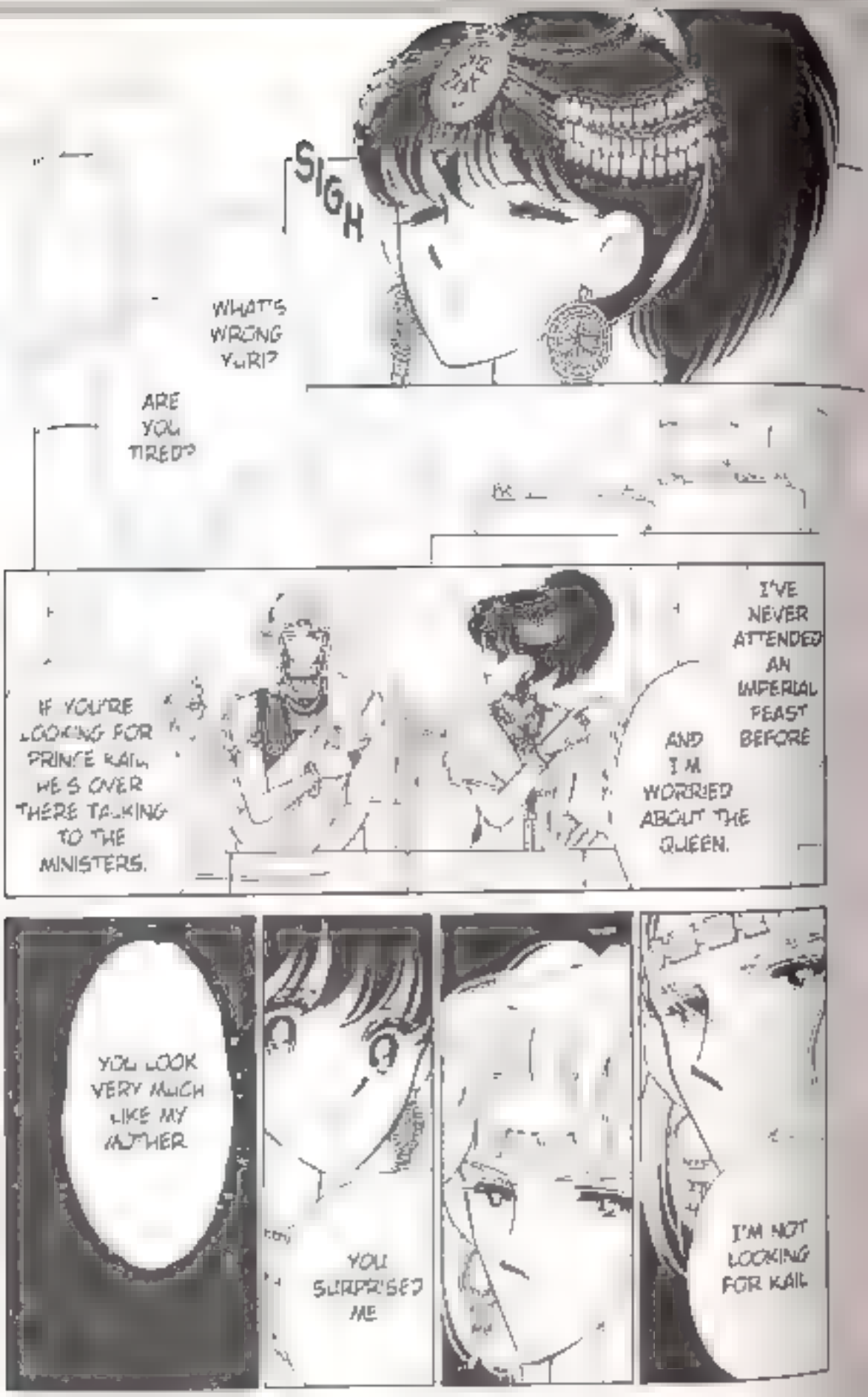
GULP
GULP

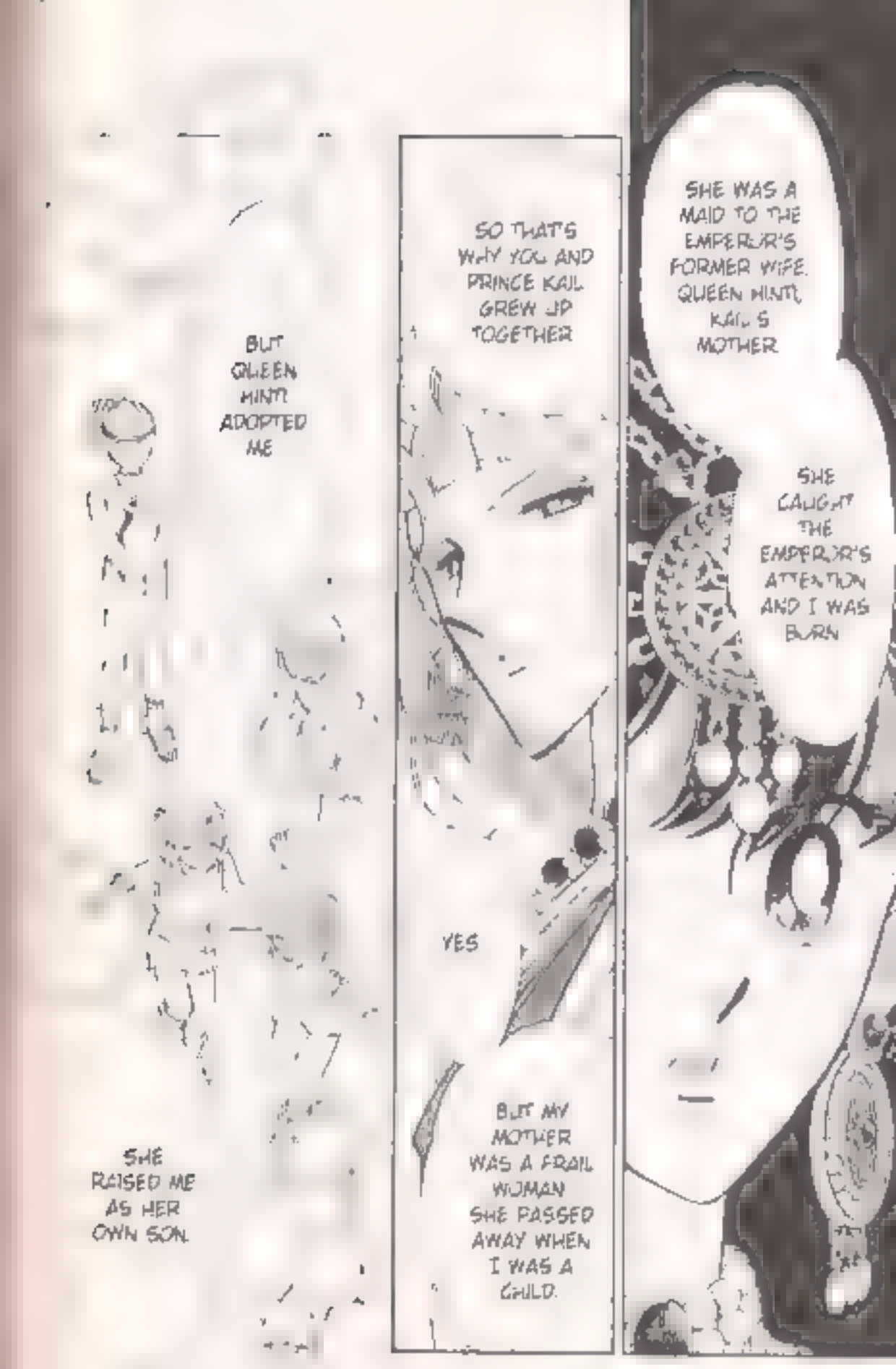


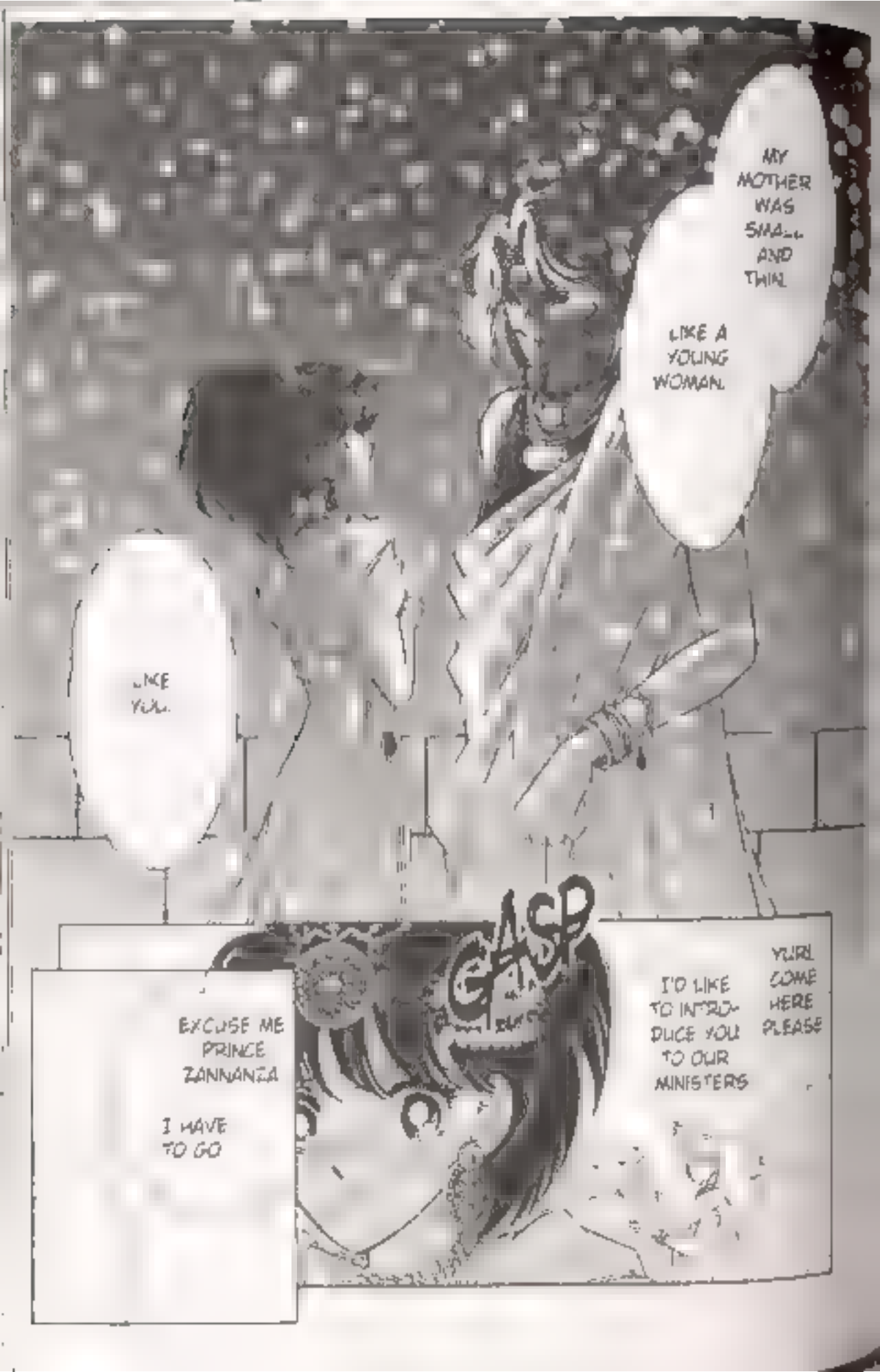
TNP
OOPS
CAREFUL
SORRY I'M NOT USED TO WALKING IN FANCY GOWNS.
FORGIVE ME FOR STARING, MILADY

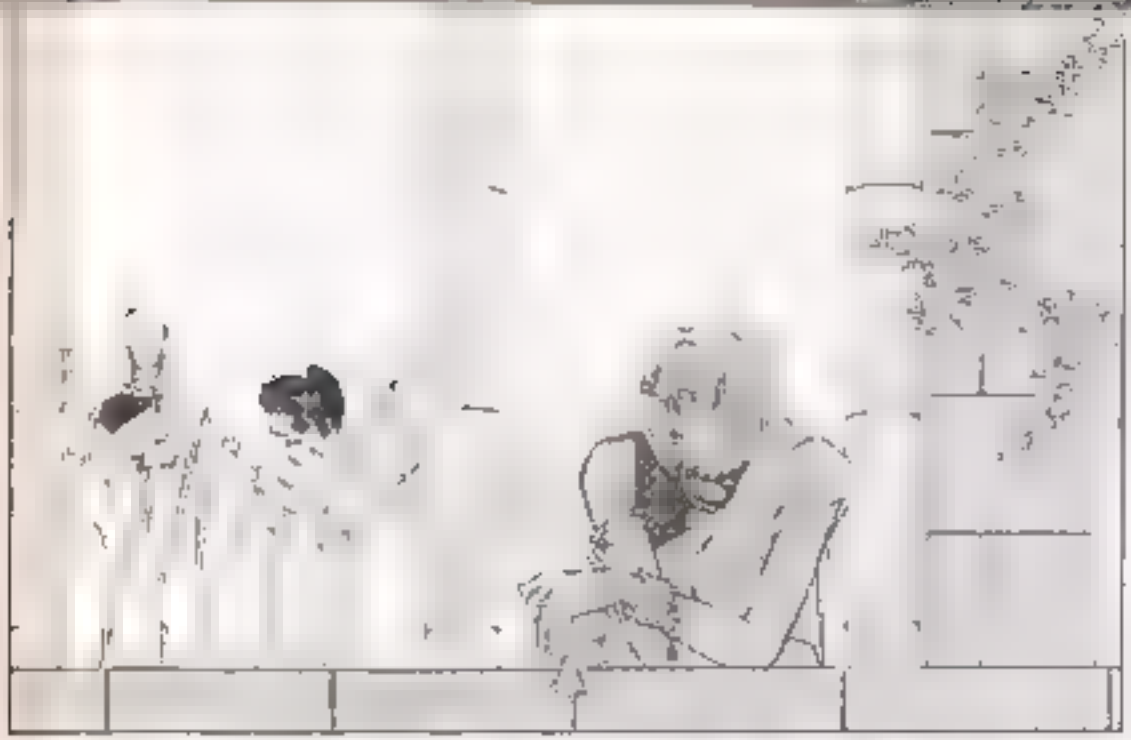
SHE SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!
OOOH
YOU ARE THE GODDESS OF BEAUTY, INDEED!
AMAZING I HARDLY RECOGNIZE YOU!
YOU ARE RADIANT!
IT'S TRUE
HE FOUND A RARE GEM FOR HIMSELF
PRINCE KAIL WAS WISE TO WAIT

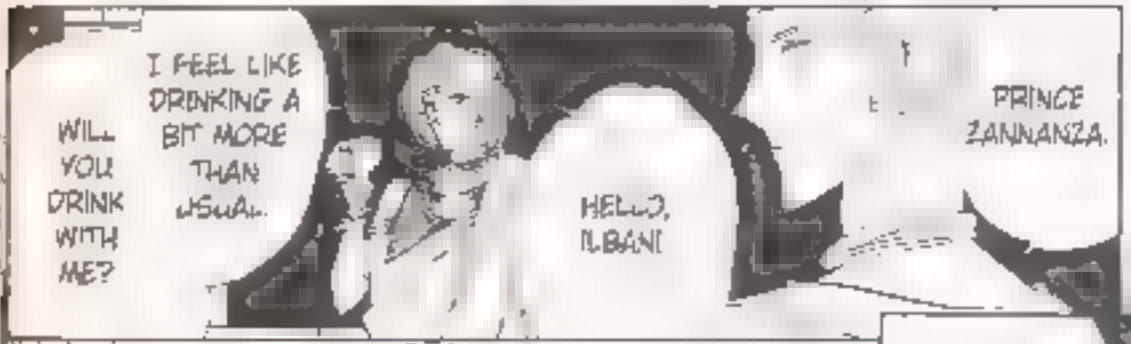

HEH HEH HEH
THEN THERE WILL BE NO ONE BETWEEN MY SON AND THE THRONE!
I WILL USE ANY MEANS TO BRING KAIL DOWN
AND GET THAT GIRL'S HEAD FOR MY SACRIFICE
HEH HEH HEH
IT SHOULD BE EASY TO SHATTER THEIR HARMONY
TWO MEN.
AND ONE WOMAN.

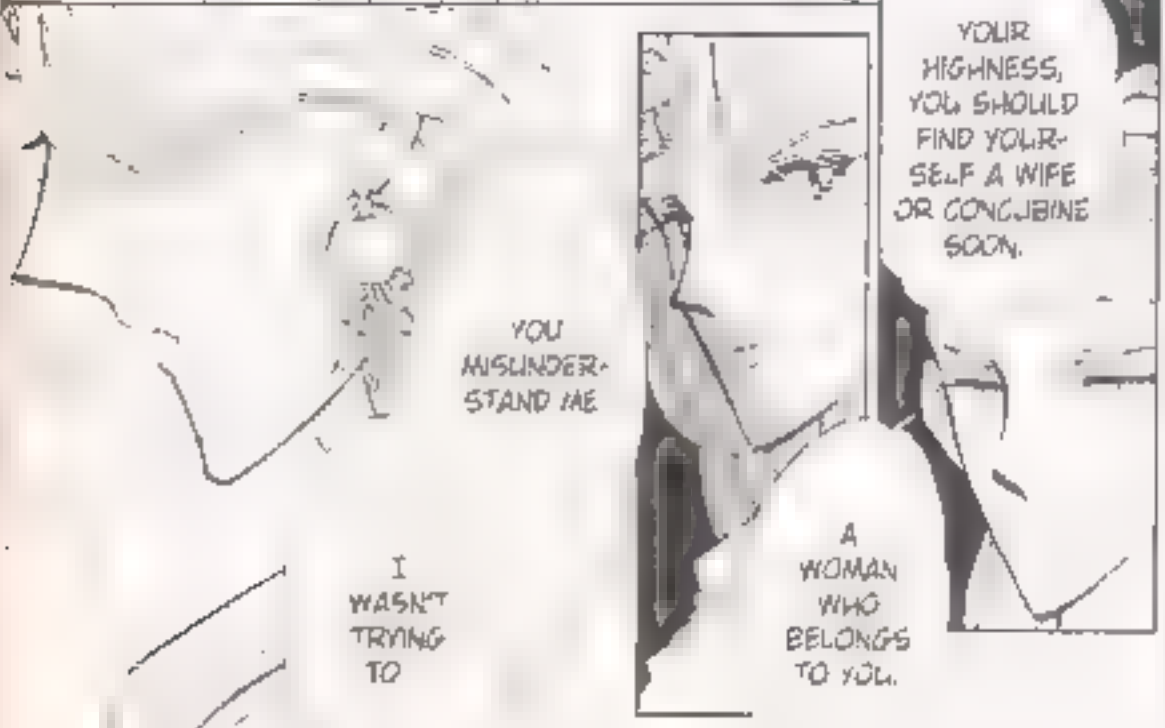

SIGH
WHAT'S WRONG YURI?
ARE YOU TIRED?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR PRINCE KAIL, HE'S OVER THERE TALKING TO THE MINISTERS.
I'VE NEVER ATTENDED AN IMPERIAL FEAST BEFORE
AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE QUEEN.
YOU LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE MY MOTHER
YOU SURPRISED ME
I'M NOT LOOKING FOR KAIL

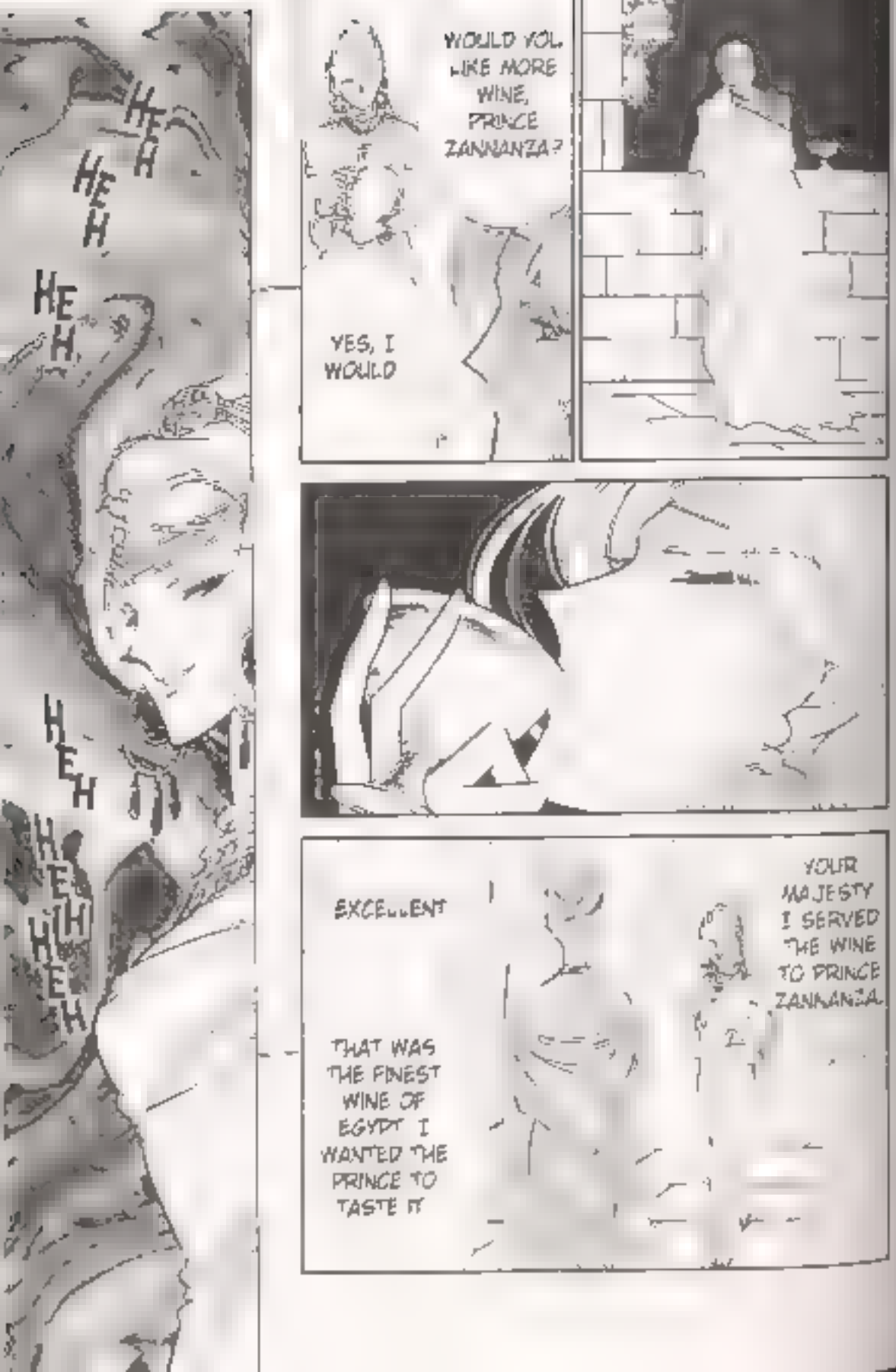

SHE WAS A MAID TO THE EMPEROR'S FORMER WIFE, QUEEN HINTI, KAIL'S MOTHER.
SHE CAUGHT THE EMPEROR'S ATTENTION AND I WAS BORN
SO THAT'S WHY YOU AND PRINCE KAIL GREW UP TOGETHER
YES
BUT MY MOTHER WAS A FRAIL WOMAN SHE PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS A CHILD.
BUT QUEEN HINTI ADOPTED ME
SHE RAISED ME AS HER OWN SON.

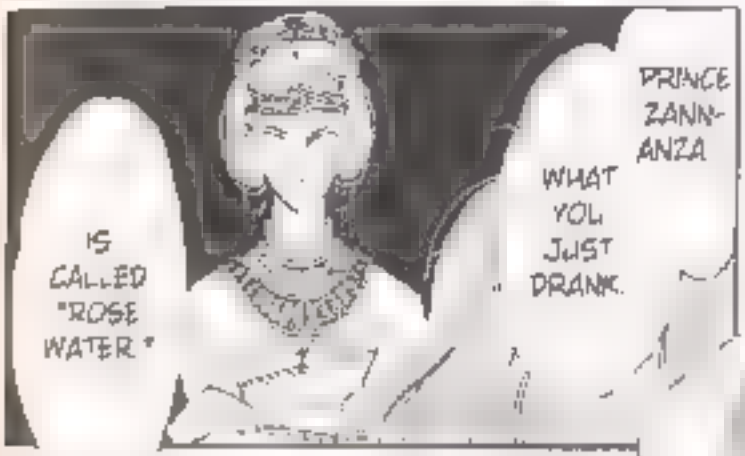

MY MOTHER WAS SMALL AND THIN
LIKE A YOUNG WOMAN
LIKE YOU.
GASP
EXCUSE ME PRINCE ZANNANZA
I HAVE TO GO
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR MINISTERS
YURI COME HERE PLEASE



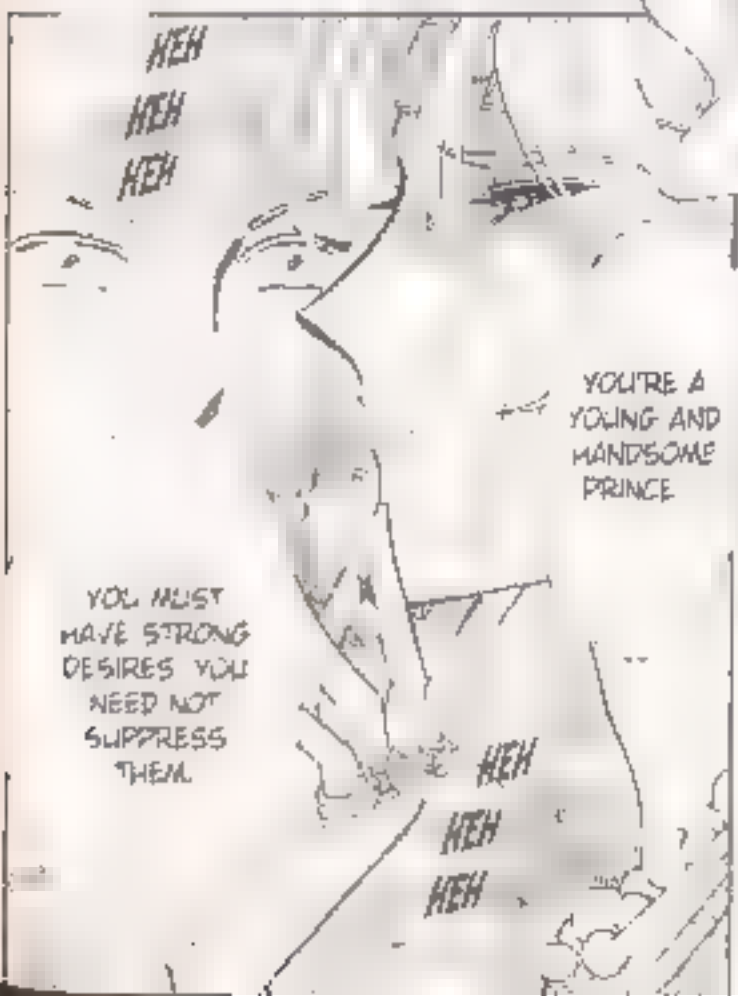

WILL YOU DRINK WITH ME?
I FEEL LIKE DRINKING A BIT MORE THAN USUAL.
HELLO, ILBANI
PRINCE ZANNANZA.


YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU SHOULD FIND YOURSELF A WIFE OR CONCUBINE SOON.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME
A WOMAN WHO BELONGS TO YOU.
I WASN'T TRYING TO


HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE WINE, PRINCE ZANNANZA?
YES, I WOULD
EXCELLENT
THAT WAS THE FINEST WINE OF EGYPT I WANTED THE PRINCE TO TASTE IT
YOUR MAJESTY I SERVED THE WINE TO PRINCE ZANNANZA

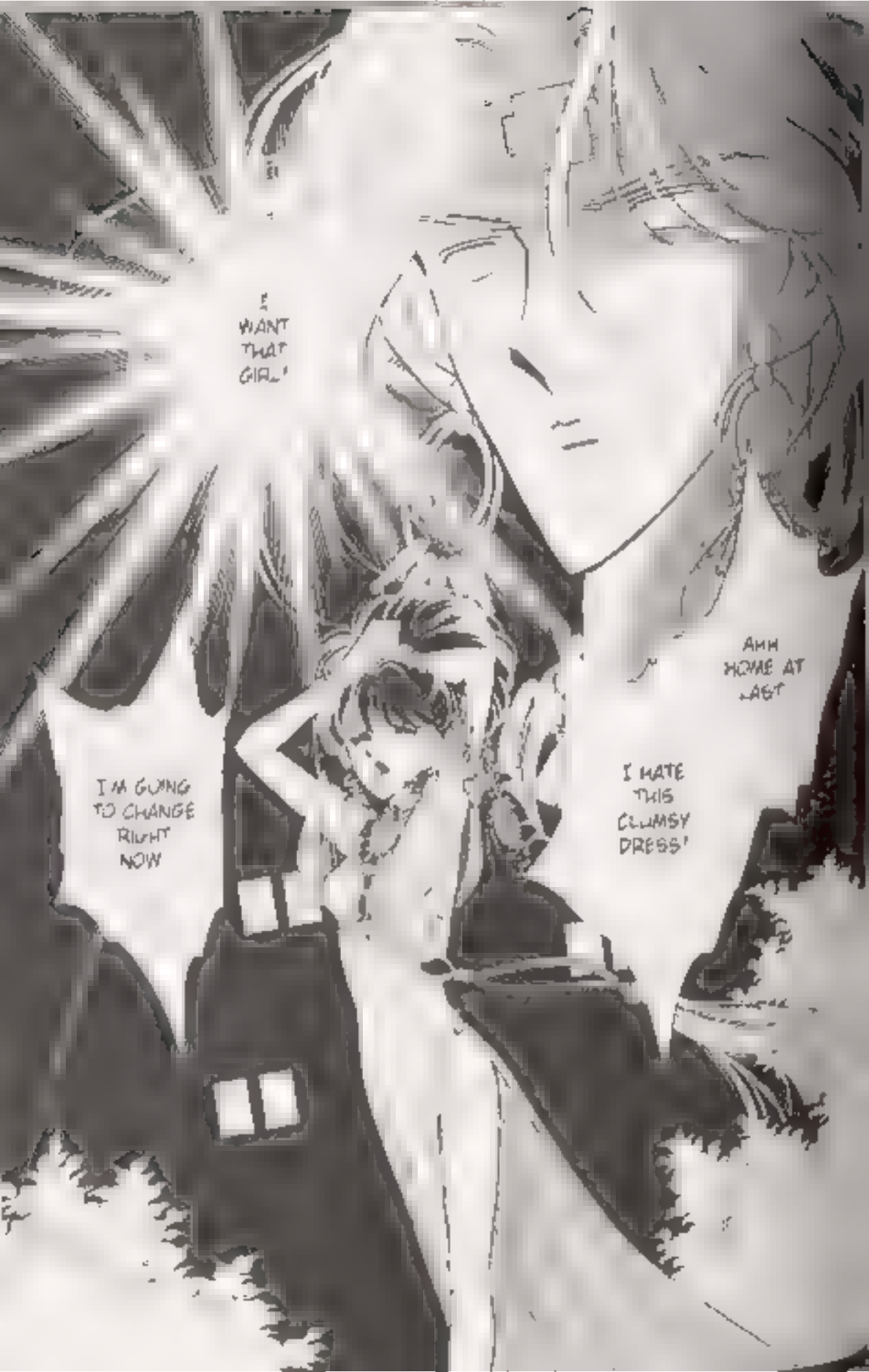


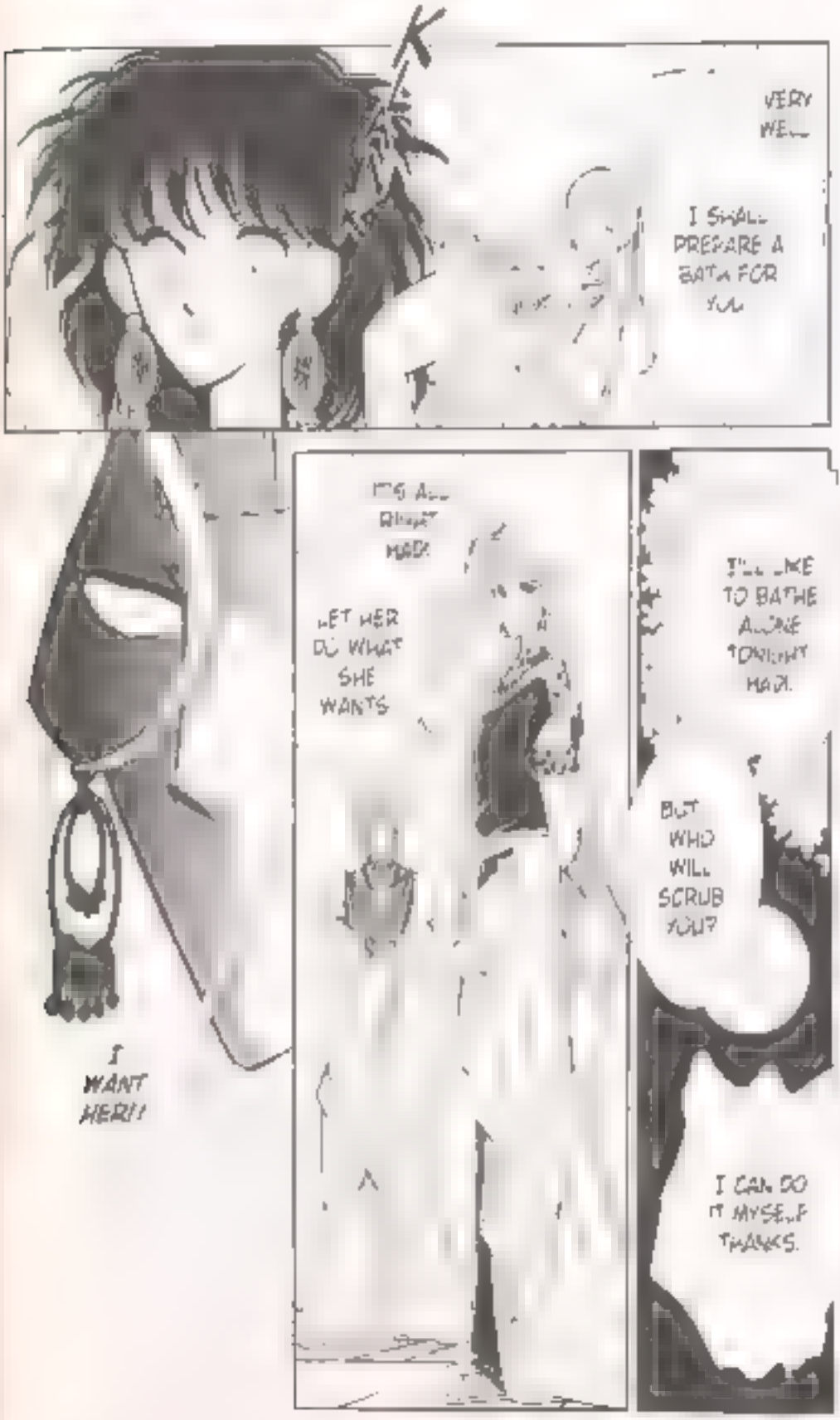
WHOOM



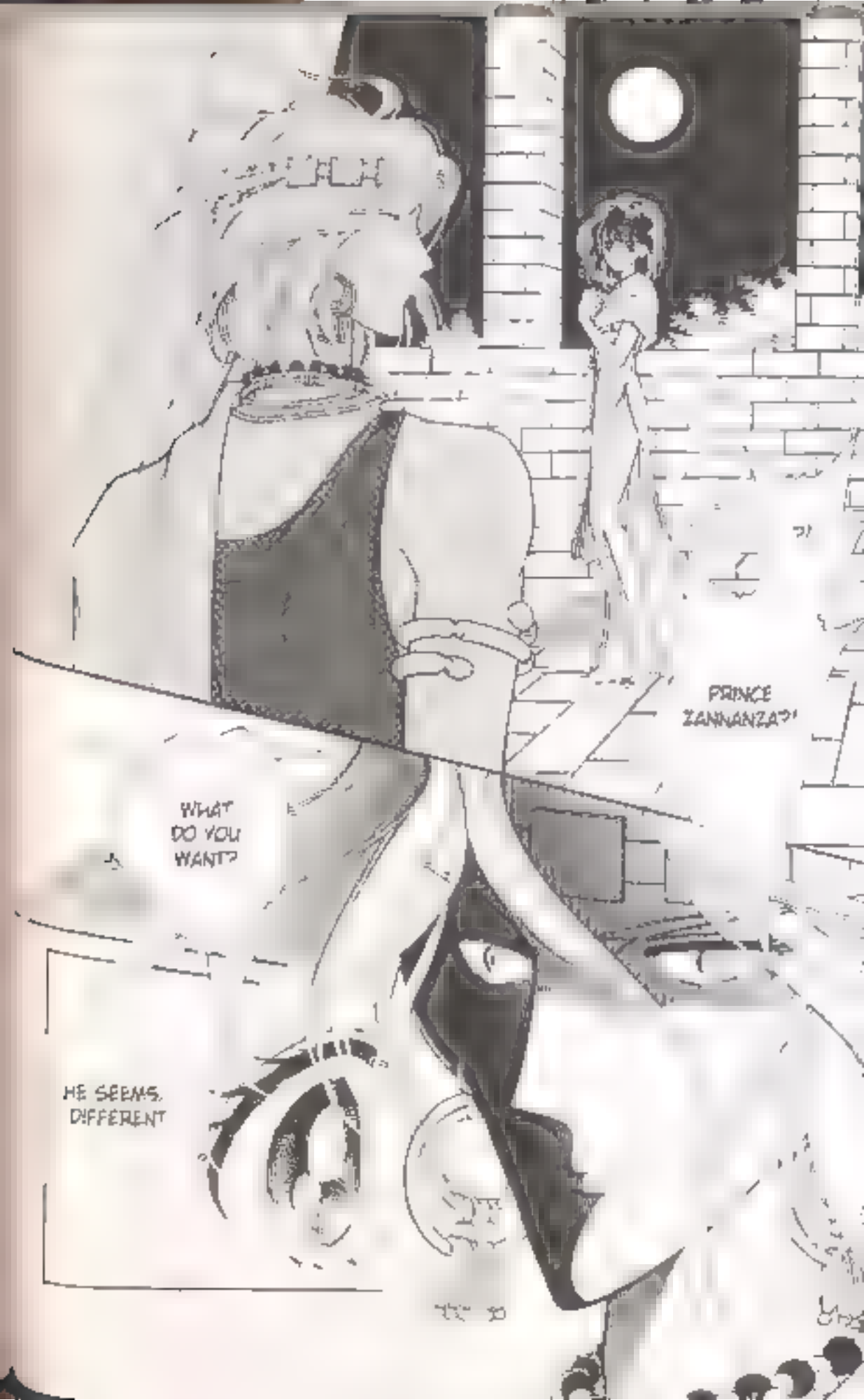
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DON'T BE TIMID
SEIZE WHAT YOU WANT!!
I WANT
I WANT THAT GIRL


I WANT THAT GIRL!
AHH HOME AT LAST
I'M GOING TO CHANGE RIGHT NOW
I HATE THIS CLUMSY DRESS!


VERY WE...
I SHALL PREPARE A BATH FOR YOU
I WANT HER!!
IT'S A... RIGHT MAM.
LET HER DO WHAT SHE WANTS
I'LL LIKE TO BATHE ALONE TONIGHT MAM.
BUT WHO WILL SCRUB YOU?
I CAN DO IT MYSELF THANKS.

I AM SURPRISED NOTHING HAPPENED AT THE FEAST
I WAS SURE THE QUEEN HAD SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE
KLANK
WHO'S THERE?

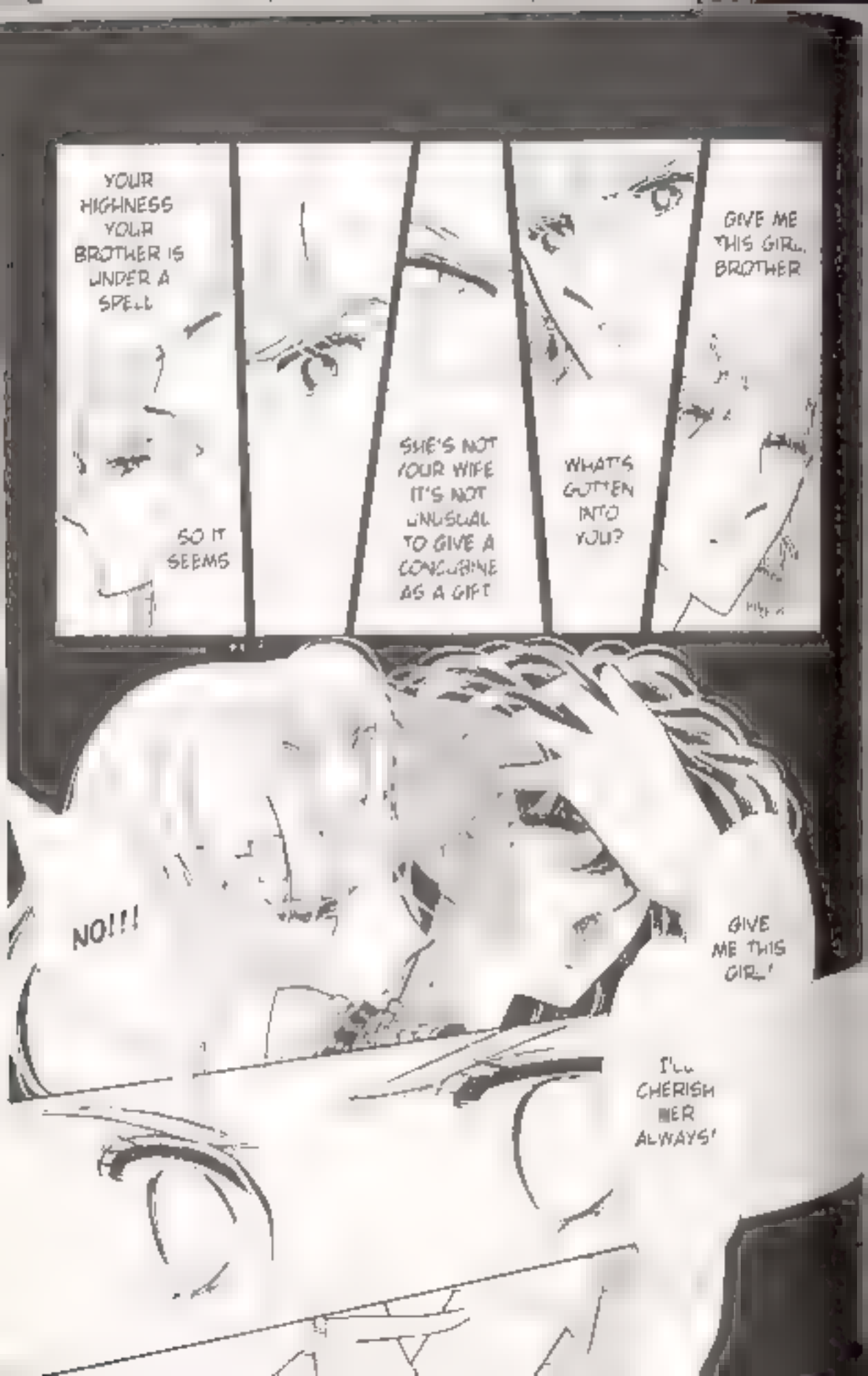

PRINCE ZANNANZA?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HE SEEMS DIFFERENT

WHEW
OH!
?!
PLASH
PLASH
?
AAAH!!
SPLASH

HELP!!!
PRINCE KAIL!!!
YURI?

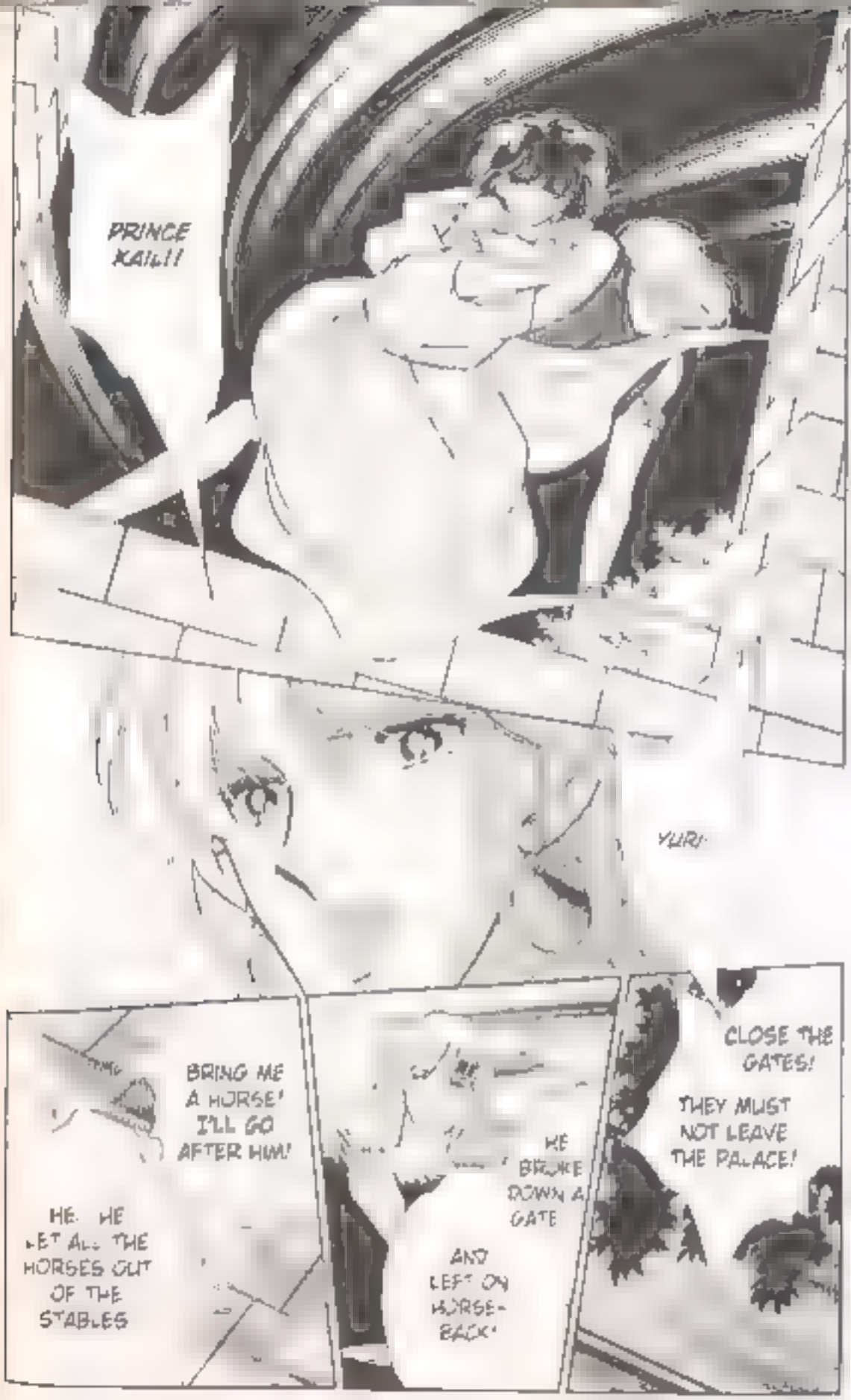
DON'T RUN FROM ME!
YURI
WHAT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU DRUNK?!
AAAH!
NO. LET GO OF ME!
GASP
I WANT YOU

ZANNANZA?!
ZANN-
ANZA!
GET
HOLD OF
YOUR-
SELF!
WAP
OH!
HELP
ME.

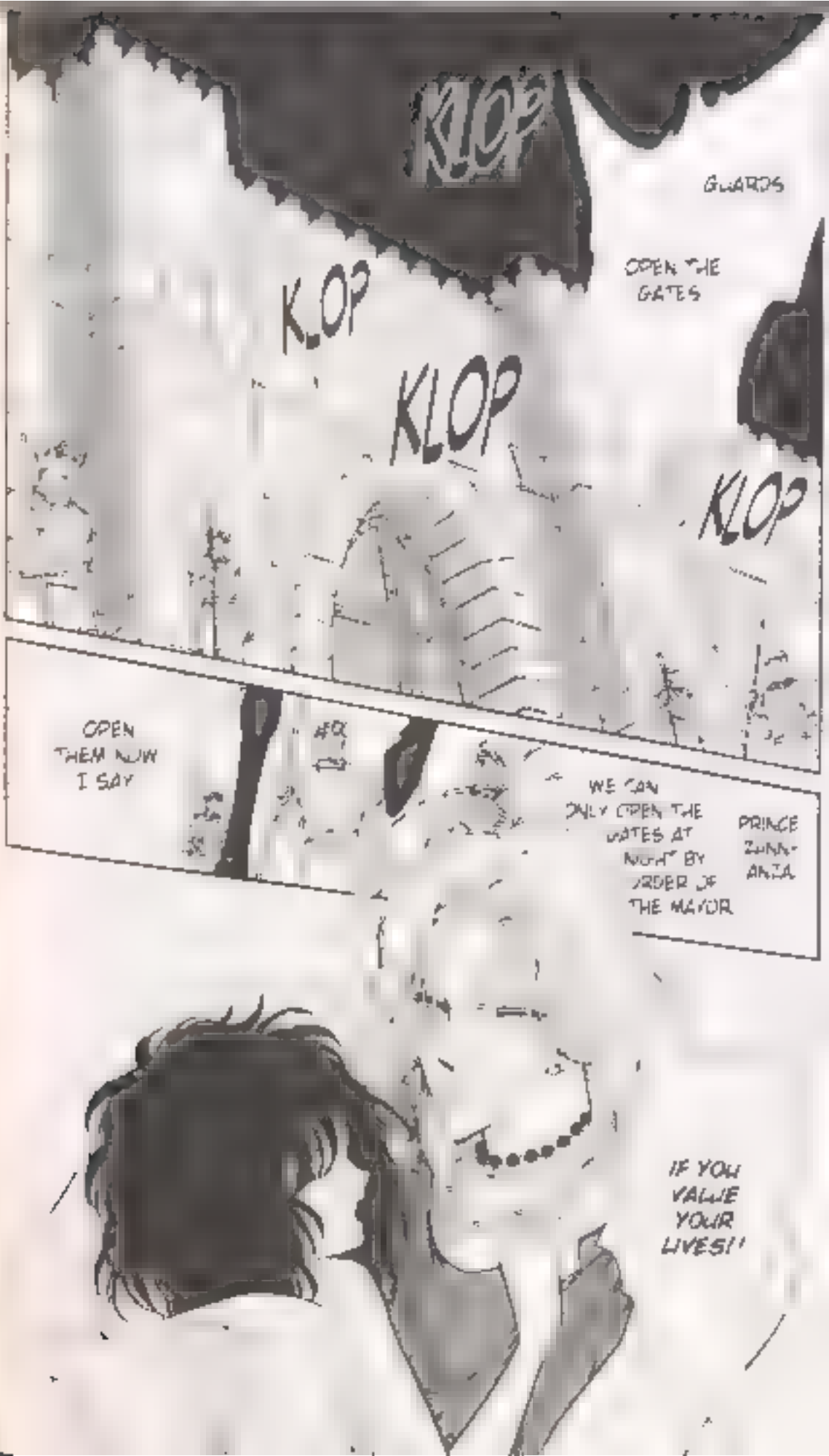

YOUR HIGHNESS YOUR BROTHER IS UNDER A SPELL
SO IT SEEMS
SHE'S NOT YOUR WIFE IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO GIVE A CONCUBINE AS A GIFT
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
GIVE ME THIS GIRL, BROTHER
NO!!!
GIVE ME THIS GIRL!
I'LL CHERISH HER ALWAYS!

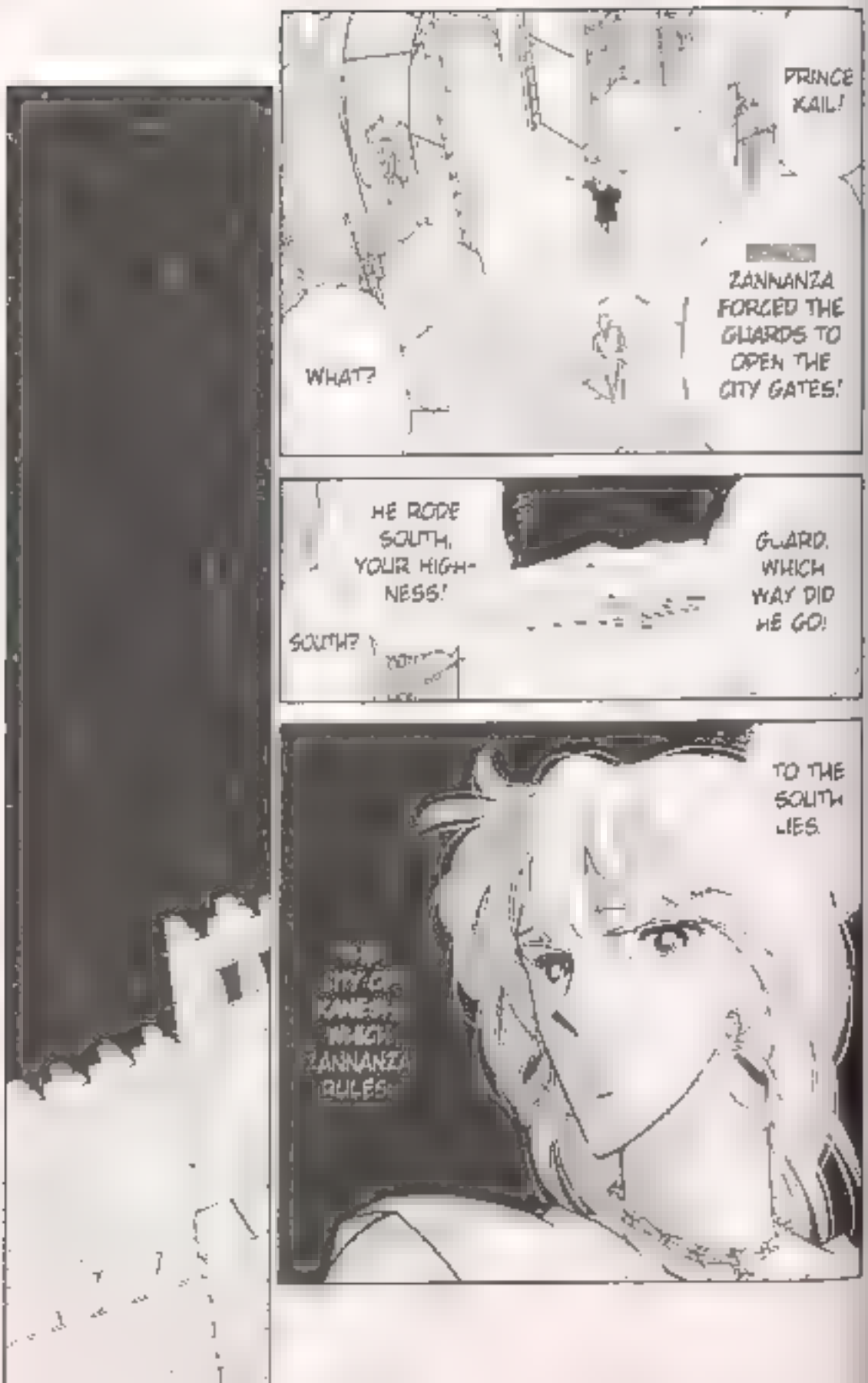
IF I CAN'T HAVE HER
NO ONE ELSE WI-
WAIT KIKYOJIRI-- HE MEANS IT
PRINCE ZANK- ANZA.

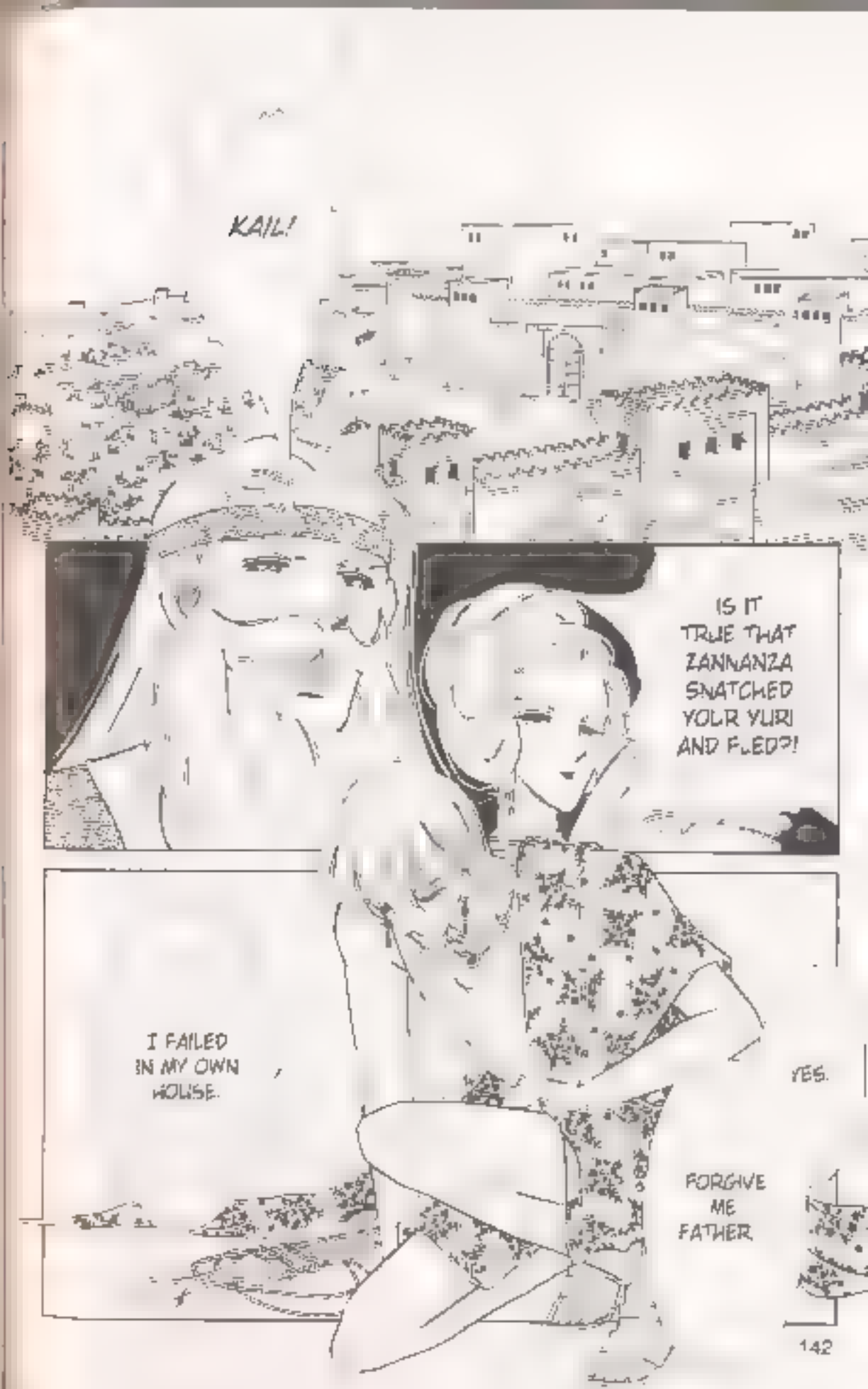
ZANKANZA!!
WAP

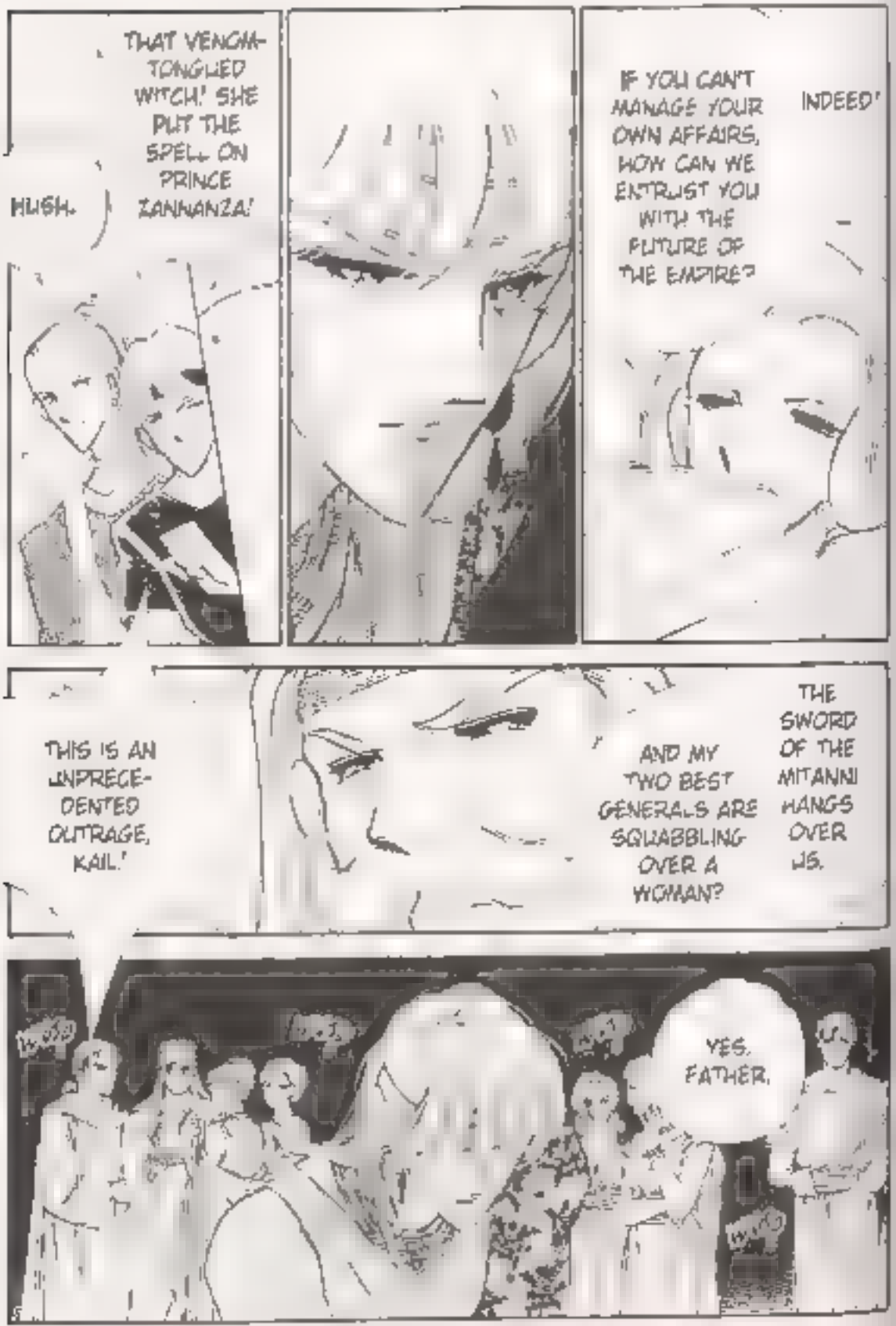

PRINCE KAIL!!
YURI
CLOSE THE GATES!
THEY MUST NOT LEAVE THE PALACE!
HE BROKE DOWN A GATE
AND LEFT ON HORSE-BACK!
BRING ME A HORSE! I'LL GO AFTER HIM!
HE- HE LET ALL THE HORSES OUT OF THE STABLES

TA-RUMP
TA-RUMP
TA-RUMP
TA-RUMP
PRINCE PLEASE GO BACK TO THE PALACE
PLEASE!
WHAT?
GASP
HE LOOKS THE WAY TITO DID WHEN HE WAS UNDER THE QUEEN'S SPELL


KLOP
GUARDS
OPEN THE GATES
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
OPEN THEM NOW I SAY
WE CAN ONLY OPEN THE GATES AT NOON BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR
PRINCE ZUNNANIA
IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES!!


PRINCE KAIL!
ZANNANZA FORCED THE GUARDS TO OPEN THE CITY GATES!
WHAT?
HE RODE SOUTH, YOUR HIGHNESS!
GUARD, WHICH WAY DID HE GO!
SOUTH?
TO THE SOUTH LIES
ZANNANZA RULES

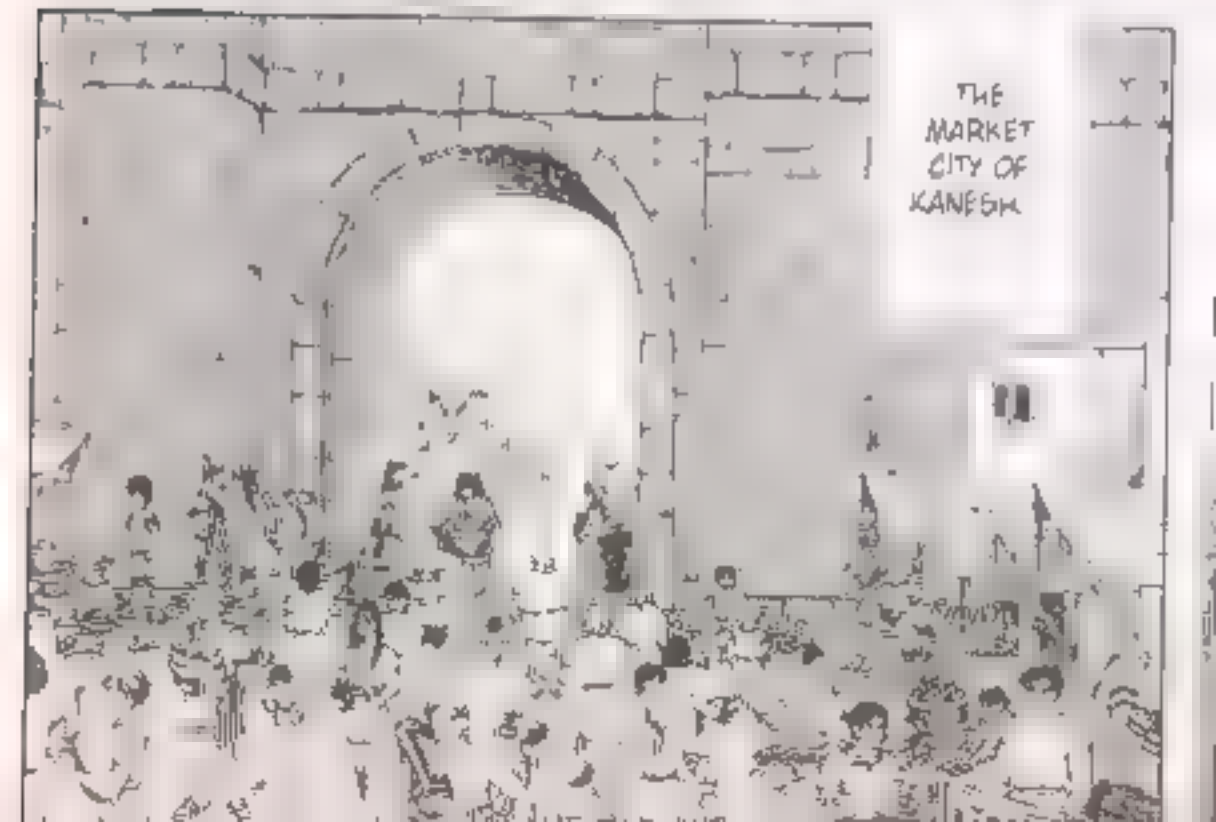

KAIL!
IS IT TRUE THAT ZANNANZA SNATCHED YOUR YURI AND FLED?!
I FAILED IN MY OWN HOUSE.
YES.
FORGIVE ME FATHER


HUSH.
THAT VENOM-TONGUED WITCH! SHE PUT THE SPELL ON PRINCE ZANNANZA!
IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE YOUR OWN AFFAIRS, HOW CAN WE ENTRUST YOU WITH THE FUTURE OF THE EMPIRE?
INDEED!
THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED OUTRAGE, KAIL!
AND MY TWO BEST GENERALS ARE SQUABBLING OVER A WOMAN?
THE SWORD OF THE MITANNI HANGS OVER US.
YES, FATHER.

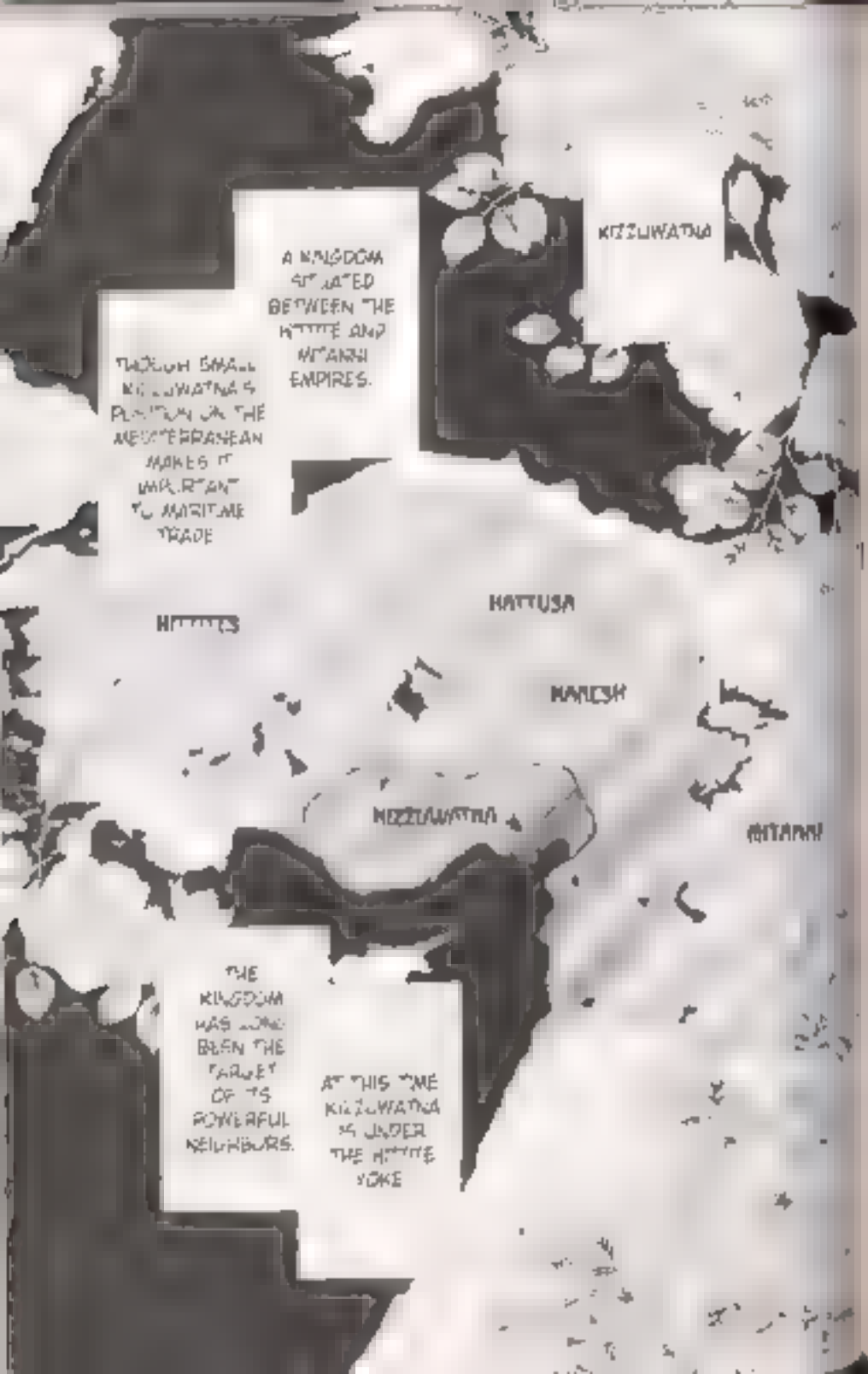
FATHER, PERMIT ME TO GO AFTER ZANNANZA.
YOU MUST PREPARE TO FIGHT THE MITANNI, KAIL!
I WILL NOT NEGLECT THAT DUTY PLEASE
BUT IF YOU FAIL. THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE DIRE
VERY WELL, KAIL
YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE TAKE US WITH YOU
WE RIDE FOR KANESH KIKKURI.
NOW
I'LL BAHL MANAGE MY AFFAIRS WHILE I'M GONE
AS YOU WISH, YOUR HIGHNESS
AND MAKE SURE OUR ARMIES ARE READY TO FIGHT THE MOMENT I RETURN.

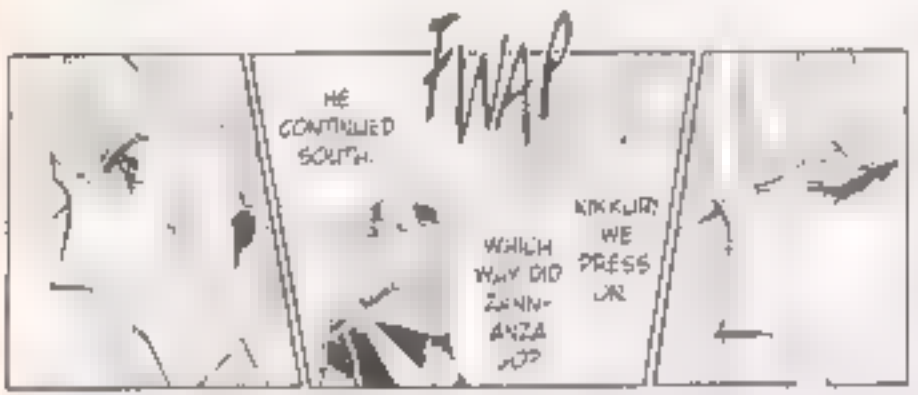
HEH HEH HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH
KAIL'S REPUTATION WILL BE RUINED
HEH HEH
AND WHEN ZANNANZA DEFLOWERS THAT GIRL, BROTHERLY LOVE WILL TURN TO HATE
I CAN HARDLY WAIT HRH!
THEN IT WILL BE EASY FOR ME TO GET HER HEAD
YES, ILBANI?
KIKKURI
YOU MUST FIND PRINCE ZANNANZA BEFORE HE LAYS HANDS ON THE GIRL

PRINCE KAL KNOWS THAT HIS BROTHER IS BEWITCHED
BUT HEAD AND HEART ARE OFTEN AT ODDS
IF HE FINDS THAT PRINCE ZANNANZA HAS HAD YURI, HE MAY STRIKE WITHOUT THINKING

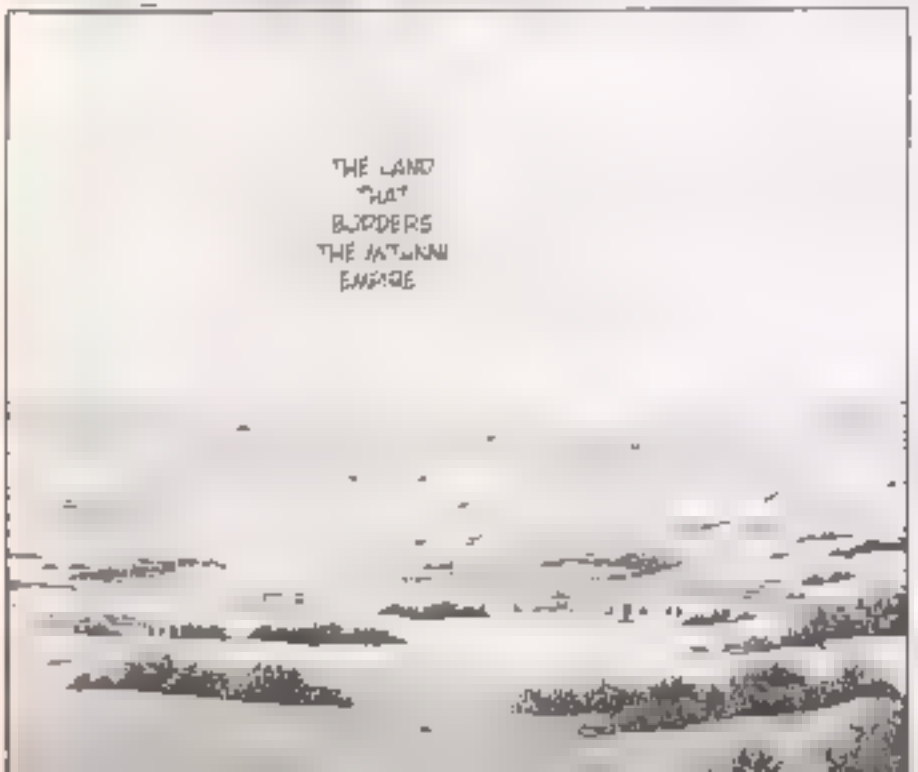

THE MARKET CITY OF KANESH

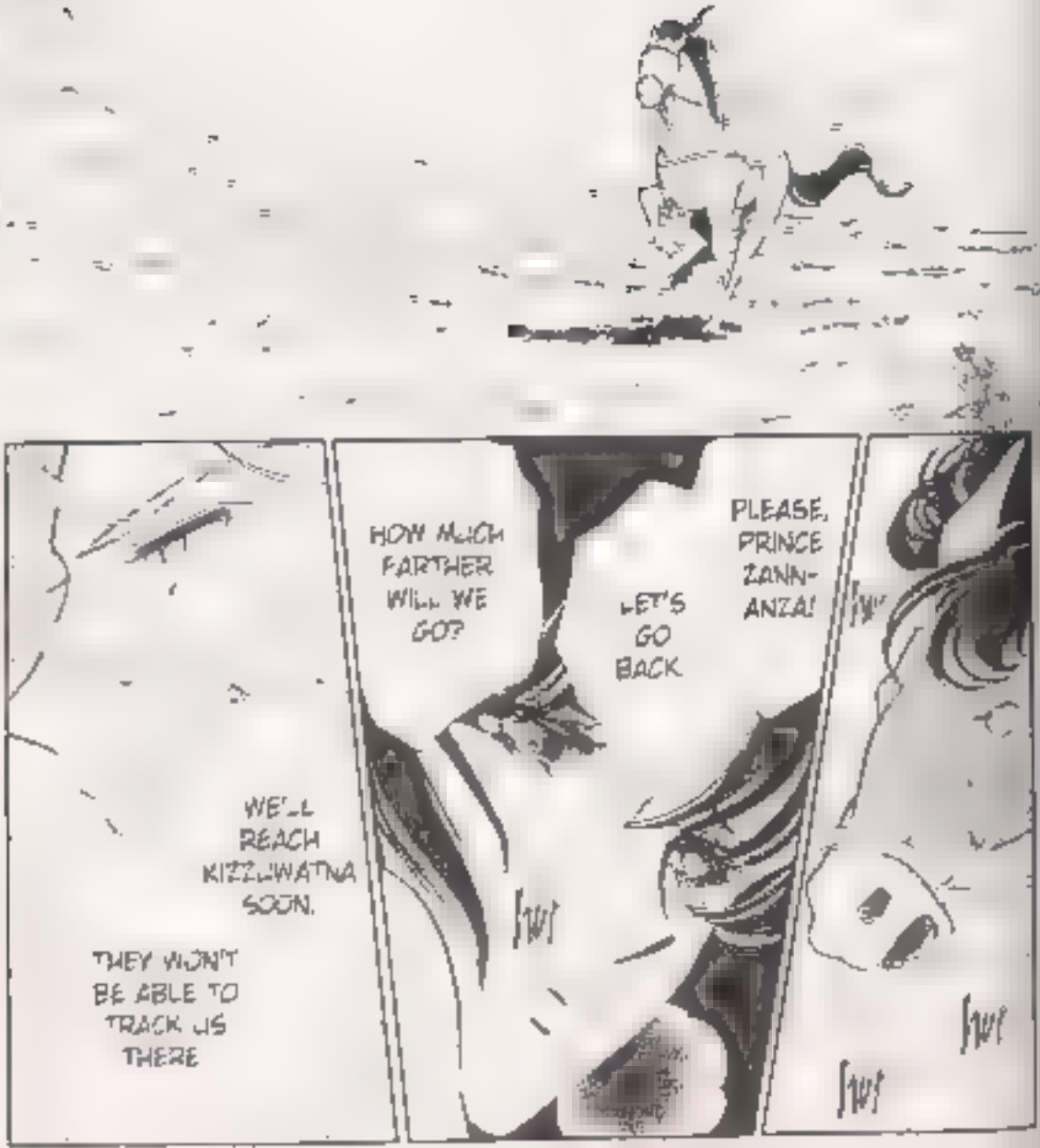
WHAT?
PRINCE KAIL
HE GOT FRESH HORSES AND LEFT STRAIGHT AWAY
PRINCE ZANNANZA IS NOT HERE
HE'S BEEN RIDING WITHOUT A BREAK FOR THREE DAYS
WHERE COULD HE BE HEADED?
I DON'T THINK ZANNANZA WOULD EXPOSE YURI TO DANGER
BUT
WORRIED?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT PRINCESS YURI IN THIS HEAT

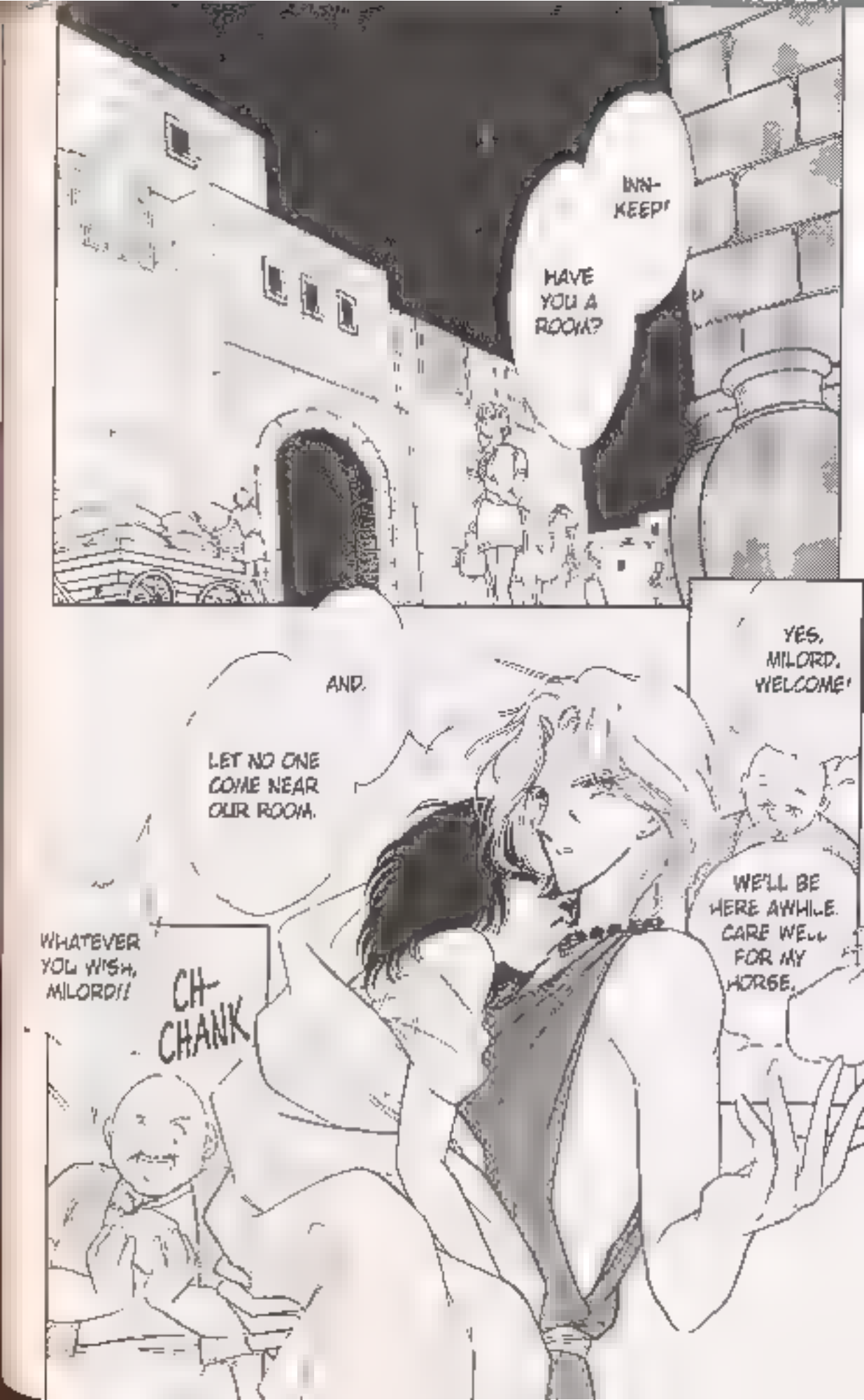

KIZZUWATNA
A KINGDOM SITUATED BETWEEN THE HITTITE AND MITANNI EMPIRES.
THOUGH SMALL KIZZUWATNA'S PLACEMENT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN MAKES IT IMPORTANT TO MARITIME TRADE
HITTITES
HATTUSA
NAHSH
NEZZUWATNA
MITANNI
THE KINGDOM HAS LONG BEEN THE TARGET OF ITS POWERFUL NEIGHBOURS.
AT THIS TIME KIZZUWATNA IS UNDER THE HITTITE YOKE


FWAP
HE CONTINUED SOUTH.
WHICH WAY DID ZANNANZA GO?
KIKKURI WE PRESS ON.

TO KIZZUWATNA
SOUTH AGAIN


THE LAND THAT BORDERS THE MITANNI EMPIRE


THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK US THERE
WE'LL REACH KIZILWATNA SOON.
HOW MUCH FARTHER WILL WE GO?
LET'S GO BACK
PLEASE, PRINCE ZANN-ANZA!


INN-KEEP! HAVE YOU A ROOM?
YES, MILORD. WELCOME!
AND, LET NO ONE COME NEAR OUR ROOM.
WE'LL BE HERE AWHILE. CARE WELL FOR MY HORSE.
WHATEVER YOU WISH, MILORD!!
CH-CHANK

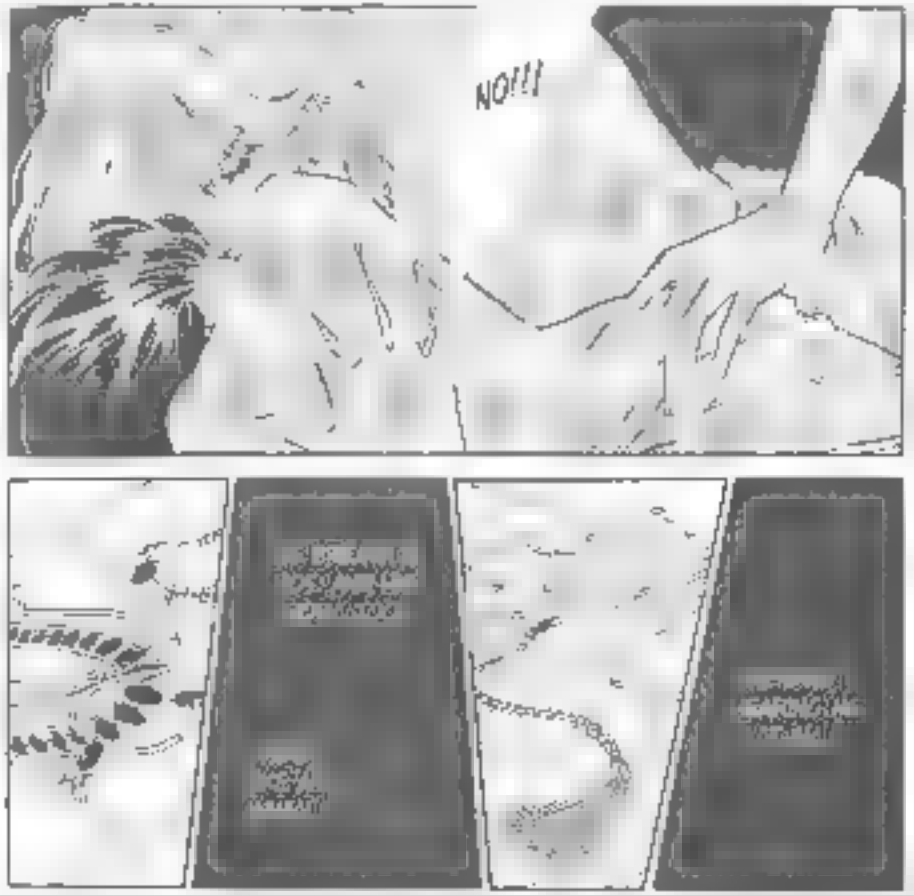
WATER...
I NEED WATER.
HNH
glug
glug
glug
THUMP

OH!
SWIF
STOP IT!
GET OFF OF ME!
YOU'RE UNDER THE QUEEN'S SPELL.
SHE WANTS TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN YOU AND KAIL!!

YES!
YOU'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT! LET'S GO BACK TO HATTUSA!
KAIL?
OH BOY...
I WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF HIM!
PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO HIM!
HE HAD A KIND MOTHER AND SECURE FUTURE.
I'VE ALWAYS ENVIED HIM.
MY BROTHER.

YURI
I WILL CHERISH YOU
I WILL LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE CAN.
PLEASE BE MINE
STOP IT! SNAP OUT OF IT!

WUMP
NO!
I CAN TAKE YOU AS MY OFFICIAL WIFE
MY BROTHER IS LIKELY TO INHERIT THE THRONE. WHICH MEANS HE MUST MARRY ONE OF ROYAL BLOOD
BUT I AM UNDER NO SUCH LIMITATION.

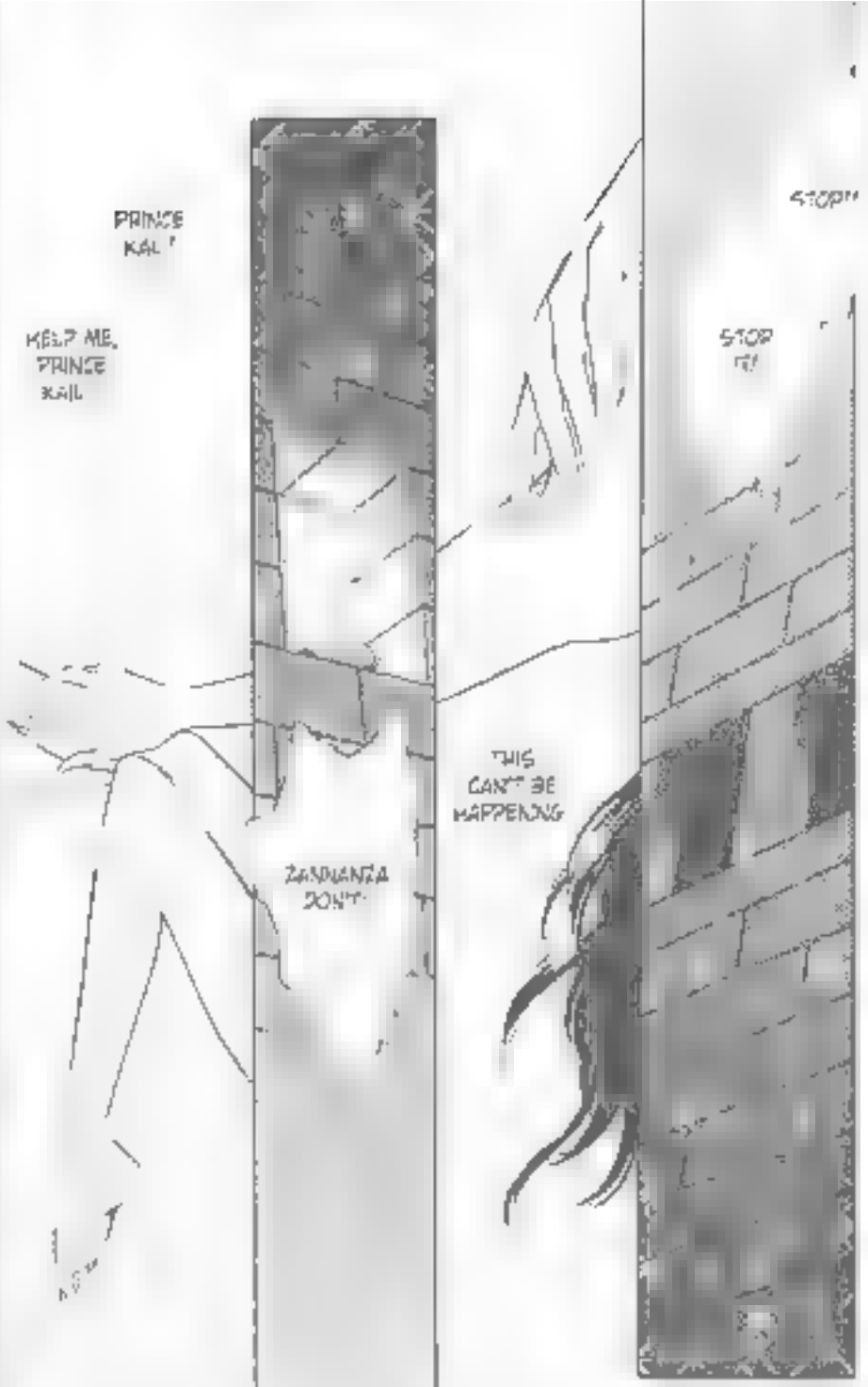


NO.
I CAN'T
FIGHT HIM
OFF

PRINCE KAIL!!

FWAAAA

VEEEN
?!


PRINCE KAL!
HELP ME, PRINCE KAIL
ZANDANZA DON'T
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
STOP!!
STOP IT!

WHAT IS THAT?
A FIRE?
PLEASE... BURN.
FIRE?
GOD. I HOPE SO.
BAM
BAM BAM
MILADY!
MILORD!
MARAUDERS! THEY'RE SACKING THE CITY!!
FLEE FOR YOUR LIVES!!

THE MITANNI HAVE COME!!
THE MITANNI?
THE PEOPLE PRINCE KAIL IS GOING TO WAR WITH?
WHOOM
OH!

Eeee
Eeek
Aaah
CHU
NK
NO!!

Aaah
OH NO.

tremble
tremble
tremble
TUK
IT IS A MITANNI ARROW. ALL RIGHT.
WHAT HAS.
WHAT HAVE I
MY BROTHER?
YES! LET'S GO!
WE HAVE TO TELL PRINCE KAIL ABOUT THIS!
LET'S GO BACK TO HATTUSA!

!!
GASP
PRINCE ZANNANZA!!

AAAH!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
GRAAGH!!
SHNK

MINE, TOO! LOOK, GOLD!
MURDERING AND PILLAGING ARE MY FAVORITE PARTS OF THIS JOB!
HEH HEH...

WAIT!
WE HAVE TO TELL PRINCE KAIL ABOUT THIS!
HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND.
THE QUEEN'S SPELL IS TOO STRONG!

LET ME GO!
WE HAVE TO WARN KAIL!
YES, A GIRL!
A GIRL.
HOLD, BROTHER!
GIVE HER TO US. WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER
SHE DOESN'T DESIRE YOU.
OH NO
MITANNI SOLDIERS!

NO!
COME HAND HER OVER!
SHE'S WOMAN ENOUGH FOR ME.
DON'T TOUCH ME!
SHE'S BUT A CHILD
HA HA. A SPOILED BRAT WHO'S NEVER HELD A SWORD, I'LL WAGER!
MY WHAT A HANDSOME LAD!
AND RUNNING ABOUT UNARMED LIKE A WOMAN!
PRINCE ZANA--
WHOA, GIRL.
YOU'LL COME WITH US!
WHACK

OH!
HOW CAN I BREAK THE SPELL?
PRINCE ZANNANZA!
HE WOULDN'T LET THEM BEAT HIM UP LIKE THAT IF HE WERE HIMSELF!!
PRINCE KAIL MADE TITO THROW UP WHEN HE HAD SWALLOWED THE QUEEN'S BLACK WATER
STOP HITTING HIM!!

SORRY ZANNANZA!
FWUMP
STOP HER.
OW!!
YOU LITTLE BRAT!

OOF"
WOOSH
BLOOGH
ROSE-COLORED WATER?
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH

I NEARLY CHOKED ON MY WATER.
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF
YOU MIGHT HAVE KILLED ME!
WHAT AN AWFUL THING YOU DID TO ME, YURI!

ARE YOU... YOUR-SELF AGAIN?

I KIDNAPPED YOU AND.
WHAT?
PRINCE ZANNANZA, YOU'RE BACK!
OH! I REMEMBER!

WAIT
SHE CALLED HIM "PRINCE"
SURRENDER!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO JABBERING ABOUT?
LOOK OUT!
SHIK
DON'T YOU TOUCH US!!
WHAK

I... APOLOGIZE PROPERLY LATER!
SLISH
FORGIVE ME, YURI!

I JUST HOPE HE CAN HANDLE SO MANY AT ONCE.
ZANNANZA IS AN EXCELLENT SWORDSMAN.
WHAT IS THIS?
SUDDENLY HE. .
FIGHTS LIKE A LION!!

THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
HOW?
IS IT MAGIC ?
COME, BROTHERS! AT HIM!
AGH!
YURI!! CATCH!!
ALKNF
WHAT?

WAP
?!
NOW.
GIVE THEM A TASTE OF YOUR TALENT!!

YOU GOT IT!
VREEN
WE ARE THE MITANNI! OUR STRENGTH IS LEGEND!
YAPPING PUPS!

I LEARNED TO USE A SWORD SO THAT I COULD HELP PRINCE KAIL.
BY THE GODS.
SHE IS GOOD!
I HAVE TO LIVE TO WARN HIM OF THIS ATTACK.
KLANK

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
WHOA R-RETREAT!
NO.
AN OFFICER, EH?
WELL I HAVE QUESTIONS FOR YOU!
GRAAH!
YOU BLOCKED HIS ESCAPE!
WELL DONE, YUZU.
SWOOSH

huf
huf
huf
FWip
NOW THEN.
HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE?
I'LL NEVER TELL YOU!
SHSSK
5,000 FOOT SOLDIERS, AND 500 WAR CHARIOTS!
SHUK
YOU WON'T BE VERY POPULAR WITH THE LADIES WITHOUT YOUR NOSE.
WHA!!

WHO LEADS YOUR FORCES?
HA HA... LISTEN AND TREMBLE--
THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS IS OUR LEADER.
WHO IS... HE?
THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS?
HE WILL EXTERMINATE ALL OF YOU!!

HE IS MATTIWAZA...
CROWN PRINCE OF THE MITANNI.

HIS RUTHLESSNESS IS LEGENDARY.
HE BUTCHERS WOMEN AND CHILDREN. HIS WAR CHARIOTS LEAVE A TRAIL OF BLOOD WHEREVER THEY GO!
THEY CALL HIM THE BLOODY PRINCE OF DARKNESS.
MATTIWAZA IS THE MITANNI'S GREATEST GENERAL.
IF THEY'VE SENT HIM AGAINST US, THEY MEAN TO DESTROY US FOR SURE.

PRINCE KAIL!!
AND IF THE MITANNI CONQUER KIZZU-WATNA...
OUR BORDERS WILL LIE NAKED BEFORE MATTIWAZA'S HORDES!

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